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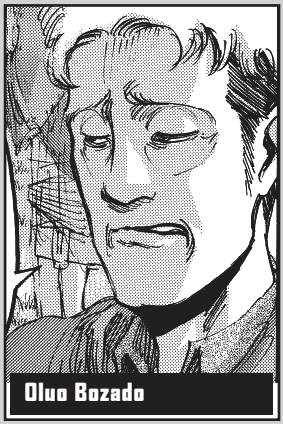

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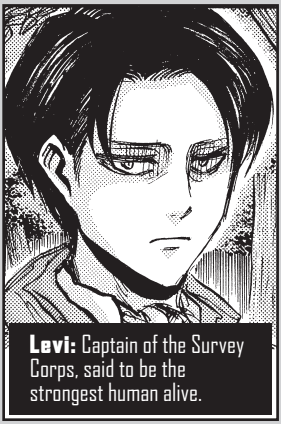
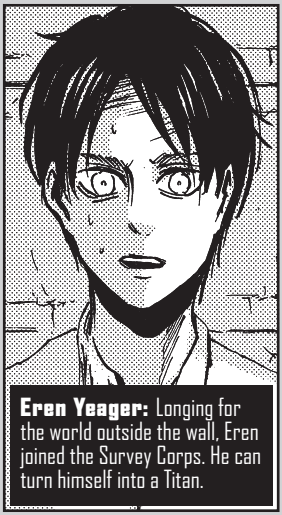
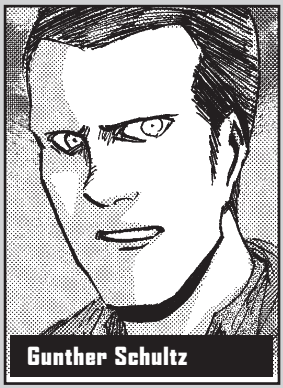


Levi: Captain of the Survey Corps, said to be the strongest human alive.



Eren Yeager: Longing for the world outside the wall, Eren joined the Survey Corps. He can turn himself into a Titan.



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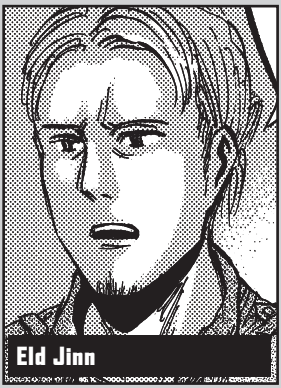

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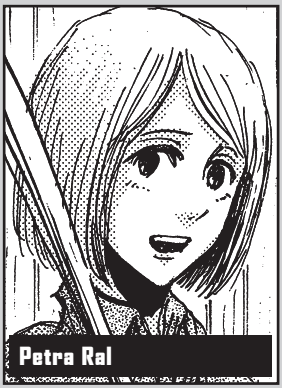
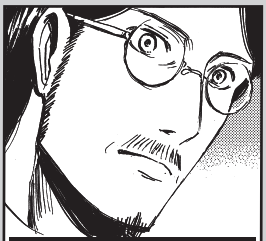
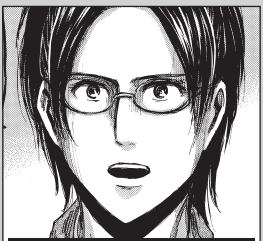


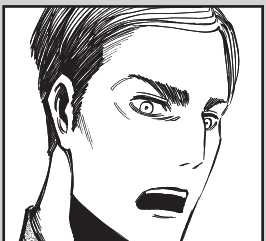
Petra Ral



Grisha Yeager: A doctor and Eren's father. He went missing after the Titan attack five years ago.

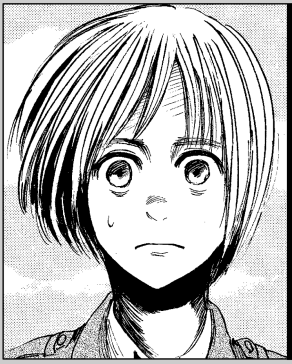


Hange Zoë: Squad leader of the Survey Corps. In charge of the biological investigation of captured Titans.



Erwin Smith: Commander of the Survey Corps.

104th Corps

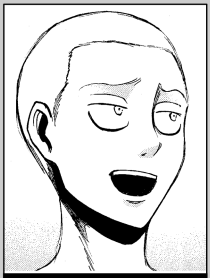


Armin Arlert:

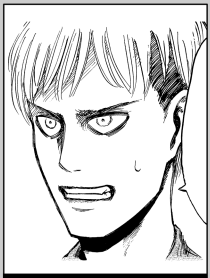
Eren and Mikasa's childhood friend. Though Armin isn't athletic in the least, he is an excellent thinker and can produce unique ideas. A member of the Survey Corps.

Mikasa Ackerman:

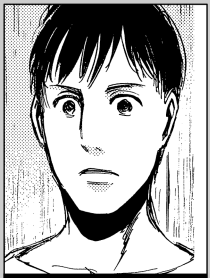
Mikasa graduated at the top of her training corps. Her parents were murdered before her eyes when she was a child. After that, she was raised alongside Eren, whom she tenaciously tries to protect. A member of the Survey Corps.



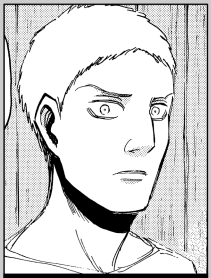
Connie Springer: Effective at vertical maneuvering, but is slow on the uptake, so his comprehension of tactics is less than stellar. A member of the Survey Corps.



Jean Kirstein: Superior at vertical maneuvering. Jean is honest to a fault, which often puts him at odds with other people. A member of the Survey Corps.

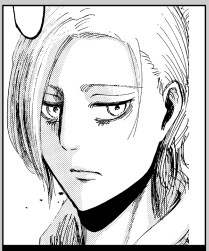


Bertolt Hoover: Has a high degree of skill in everything he's been taught, but is indecisive and lacks initiative. A member of the Survey Corps.

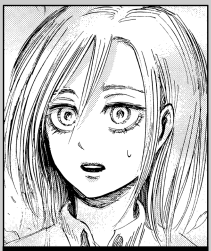


Reiner Braun: Graduated second in his training corps. Reiner is as strong as an ox and has the will to match. His comrades place a great deal of trust in him. A member of the Survey Corps.

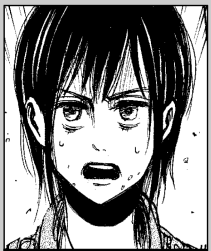
Marco Bott: Yearned to join the Military Police Brigade so he could serve the king. Marco died during the Titan mop-up operation.



Annie Leonhart: Annie's small stature belies her great skill in the art of hand-to-hand combat. She's a realist through and through, and tends to be a loner. A member of the Military Police Brigade.



Krista Lenz: Extremely short, with a friendly, warm-hearted personality. A member of the Survey Corps.



Sasha Blouse: Sasha is very agile and has remarkable instincts. Owing to her unconventionality, she isn't suited for organized activity. A member of the Survey Corps.

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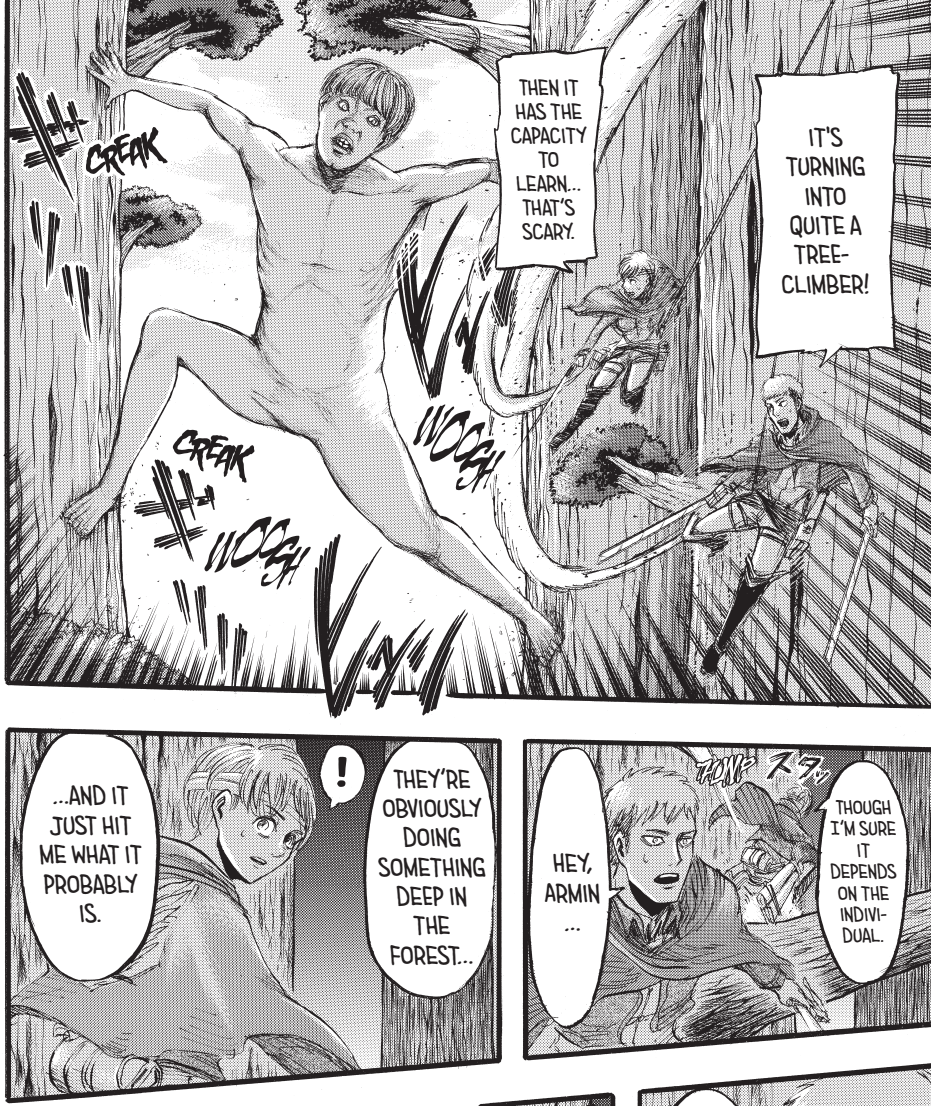
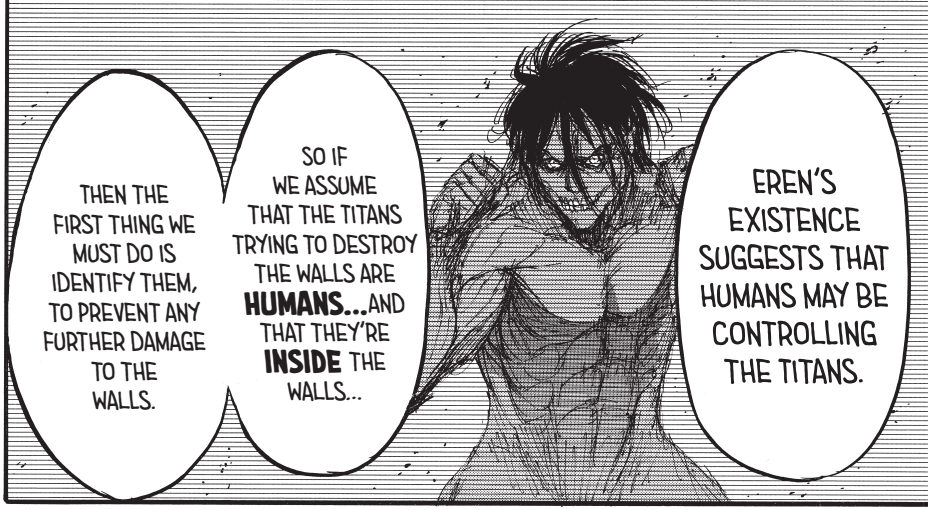
Erwin Smith
KH ...!
SNAP
SNAP
MM...
MM...
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP

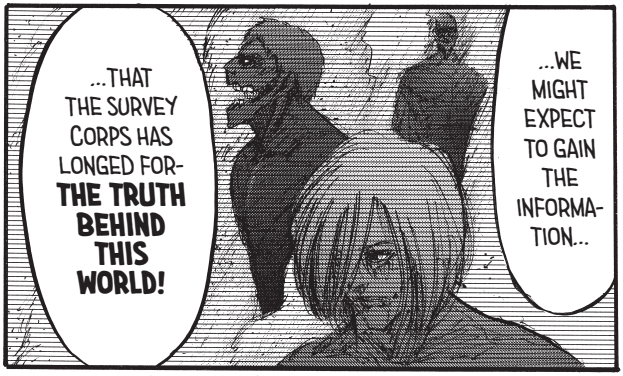
SO IT IS.
UH... IT'S CLIMBING UP HERE.
IF IT MAKES IT THIS FAR, MAYBE I'LL GET OUT OF ITS WAY.
BUT ...
IN A FEW MINUTES ...
?
I THINK WE'LL BE ORDERED TO PULL OUT.
WHOOM
WHOOM
YOU THINK ...
...IT'S GOT SOMETHING TO DO WITH THOSE EXPLOSIONS INSIDE THE FOREST?
...
MIKASA ...
WHAT DO YOU THINK THOSE SOUNDS ARE?
ARE THEY FIRING CANNONS **INSIDE** THE FOREST?

I DIDN'T NOTICE ANY CANNONS IN OUR CARGO...
WHOOOOM
WHAT ARE THEY DOING OVER THERE?
SORRY... I DON'T.
HEY, BERTOLT, DO YOU KNOW WHERE KRISTA WENT?
SO DAMN NOISY BACK THERE...
I WANT TO GO HOME ...
WHY ARE WE HERE? AND WHAT'RE WE DOING?
WHOOOOM
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON.
BASTARD... LOOKS LIKE IT'S FIGURED IT OUT...
RIGHT!
LET'S MOVE, ARMIN!

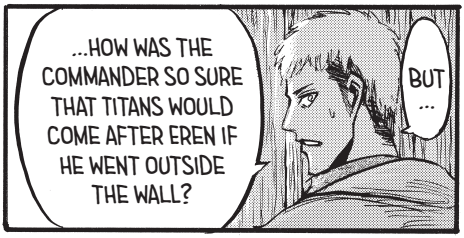

CREAK
WOOSH
CREAK
WOOSH
IT'S TURNING INTO QUITE A TREE-CLIMBER!
THEN IT HAS THE CAPACITY TO LEARN... THAT'S SCARY.
THUMP
HEY, ARMIN ...
THOUGH I'M SURE IT DEPENDS ON THE INDIVI-DUAL.
!
THEY'RE OBVIOUSLY DOING SOMETHING DEEP IN THE FOREST...
...AND IT JUST HIT ME WHAT IT PROBABLY IS.
...
WE LURED THAT FEMALE TITAN HERE SO WE COULD CAPTURE IT, I BET.
THAT'S THE ONLY REASON I CAN THINK OF FOR WHY THEY ONLY TOLD CERTAIN SOLDIERS ABOUT THIS OPERATION.

BUT DOES THAT MEAN ...
...THERE ARE HUMANS IN OUR RANKS WHO ARE TRYING TO DESTROY THE WALLS?
CREAK CREAK
YES... I THINK SO.
I THINK...THE COMMANDER IS CERTAIN OF THAT.

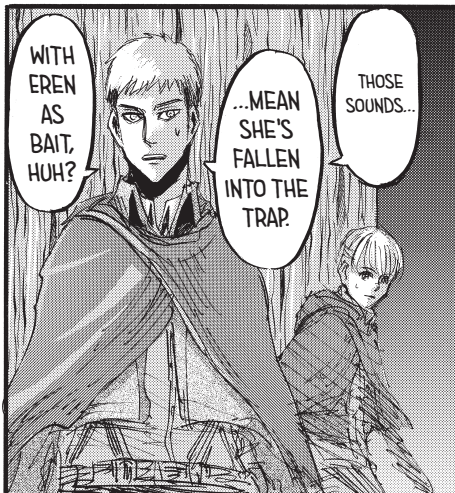

EREN'S EXISTENCE SUGGESTS THAT HUMANS MAY BE CONTROLLING THE TITANS.
SO IF WE ASSUME THAT THE TITANS TRYING TO DESTROY THE WALLS ARE **HUMANS**...AND THAT THEY'RE **INSIDE** THE WALLS...
THEN THE FIRST THING WE MUST DO IS IDENTIFY THEM, TO PREVENT ANY FURTHER DAMAGE TO THE WALLS.


...WE MIGHT EXPECT TO GAIN THE INFORMATION...
...THAT THE SURVEY CORPS HAS LONGED FOR- **THE TRUTH BEHIND THIS WORLD!**

FURTHERMORE... IF WE COULD CAPTURE THEM...


BUT ...
...HOW WAS THE COMMANDER SO SURE THAT TITANS WOULD COME AFTER EREN IF HE WENT OUTSIDE THE WALL?

I THINK ...
...IT'S BECAUSE THEIR LATEST INCURSION DIDN'T COMPLETELY DESTROY THE WALL.


WITH EREN AS BAIT, HUH?
...MEAN SHE'S FALLEN INTO THE TRAP.
THOSE SOUNDS...

SURELY THEIR OBJECTIVE WOULD HAVE BEEN TO DESTROY THE INNER GATE OF WALL ROSE...
FOR SOME REASON, THEY SUDDENLY HALTED THEIR ATTACK.
HUH?
PERHAPS SOMETHING DIVERTED THEIR ATTENTION.
THEY DID NOTHING WHEN THE GATE THEY HAD GONE TO SO MUCH TROUBLE TO DESTROY WAS REPAIRED.
THEY STOPPED FOR A REASON.
THE ONLY THING I CAN THINK OF WOULD BE EREN TURNING INTO A TITAN AND GOING ON A RAMPAGE.
SOMETHING ELSE THAT HAPPENED AT THE TIME, SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN DESTROYING THE WALL...

...IS A SPY?
...ONE OF THE PEOPLE WHO KNEW ABOUT EREN'S TRANS-FORMATION AT THAT TIME...
...UM ...YOU MEAN...
THEN ...
...
ONE OF...
THE PEOPLE ...
WHO WERE...
WATCH-ING...

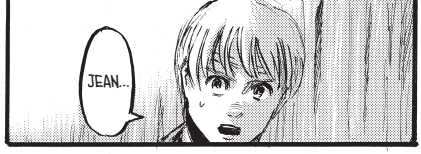
EVEN IF WE DON'T KNOW WHERE THE SPY IS...
BUT I STILL DON'T GET IT.
...SHOULDN'T AT LEAST A FEW MORE SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN TOLD ABOUT THIS OPERATION?
THERE HAD TO BE SOME WHO WOULDN'T HAVE DIED IF THEY'D KNOWN THAT THE TITAN WAS INTELLIGENT...

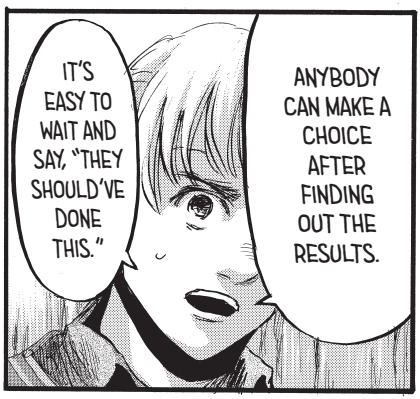
SETTING ASIDE ROOKIES LIKE US...
...HOW COULD THEY KEEP EVEN SEASONED VETERANS OF THE CORPS IN THE DARK?
SHUT UP, WOULD YA?
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY? THAT THE COMMANDER AND CAPTAIN DON'T TRUST US?!
N-NO... BUT...
GRR...
...THAT'S WHAT IT AMOUNTS TO!
PETRA! RIP OUT THAT GUY'S TEETH!
THEN SHOVE THEM BACK IN BACK-WARDS!

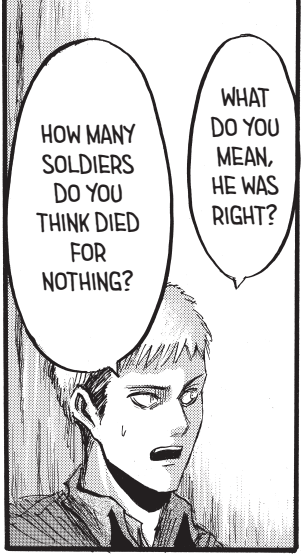
...WERE THE SURVIVORS FROM FIVE YEARS AGO.
I THINK THE ONLY ONES WHO KNEW...
BUT THINK ABOUT IT. THAT TRAP WOULDN'T HAVE WORKED WITHOUT QUITE A FEW PEOPLE KNOWING ABOUT IT BEFORE-HAND.
RIGHT! THEY HAD TO DO IT THAT WAY.
I GET IT. YEAH, THAT HAS TO BE IT. SEE, EREN? THAT'S WHAT IT IS.
OR, I'D LIKE TO THINK THAT.
IS THERE REALLY A SPY?
FIVE YEARS ...
SO THE COMMANDER NARROWED DOWN THE SUSPECTS TO ANYONE WHO JOINED AFTER THAT.
THEY MUST HAVE ASSUMED THAT THE SPY STARTED WORKING ON THE "INSIDE" WHEN THE WALL WAS DESTROYED, FIVE YEARS AGO...
THAT'S WHEN THE COMMANDER ASKED ME THAT QUESTION...
OH ...!
... KILLED SONNY AND BEAN.
I WONDER IF THAT'S WHO...

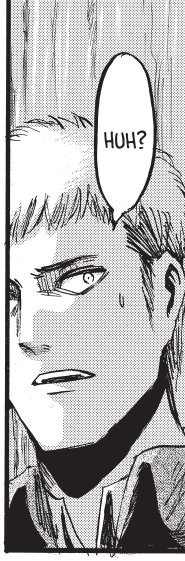
SO THAT'S WHAT THAT WAS ABOUT...
HE ASKED ME TOO.
WHO DO YOU THINK THE ENEMY IS?
WHAT DO YOU SEE?
YOU GUYS KNOW WHY?
HEY, I KNEW THE ANSWER! IT'S JUST... I DIDN'T DARE SAY IT.
...THOUGH I DON'T THINK ANY OF US COULD HAVE.
MAYBE IF WE'D BEEN ABLE TO ANSWER, HE'D HAVE LET US WORK ON THE REAL MISSION...
IT'S BECAUSE NONE OF YOU CAN COMPARE TO ME.
WHY DO YOU THINK YOU DON'T KNOW?
WELL, AT YOUR LEVEL I'M NOT SURPRISED ...
WHAT, YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW?
...
...WHY ?
...TOO MANY PEOPLE DIED.
BECAUSE CAPTAIN LEVI DOESN'T TALK LIKE THAT.
BUT... EVEN IF THAT WAS THE PURPOSE ...
YOU STILL TRYING TO IMITATE THE CAPTAIN?
I'LL BE AMAZED IF THIS SUC-CEEDS.

IF THEY'D ALREADY KNOWN ABOUT THAT TITAN...
WHUD
...!
EVEN YOUR SQUAD LEADER WAS CAUGHT OFF GUARD...
...THE RESPONSE WOULD'VE BEEN DIFFER-ENT.
NO ...
HE WAS RIGHT.
AND THIS IS MY BELOVED HORSE, CHARLOTTE! GOOD TO KNOW YA!
I'M YOUR SQUAD LEADER, NESS!


JEAN...


IT'S EASY TO WAIT AND SAY, "THEY SHOULD'VE DONE THIS."
ANYBODY CAN MAKE A CHOICE AFTER FINDING OUT THE RESULTS.


HOW MANY SOLDIERS DO YOU THINK DIED FOR NOTHING?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, HE WAS RIGHT?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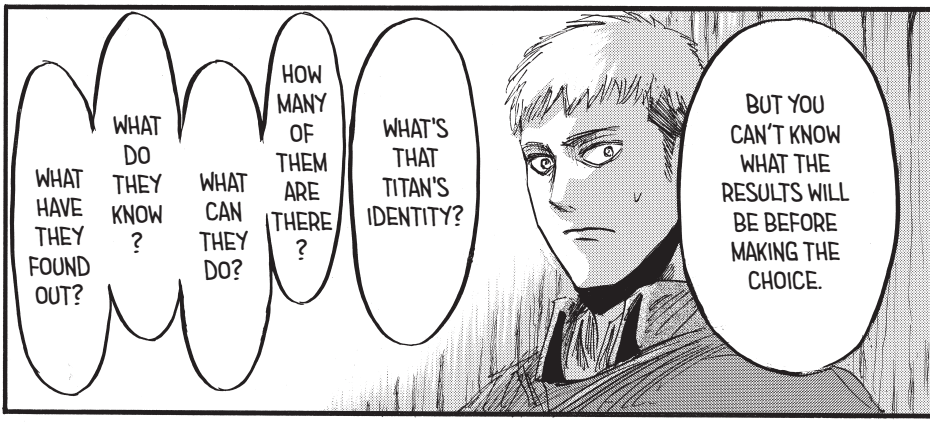
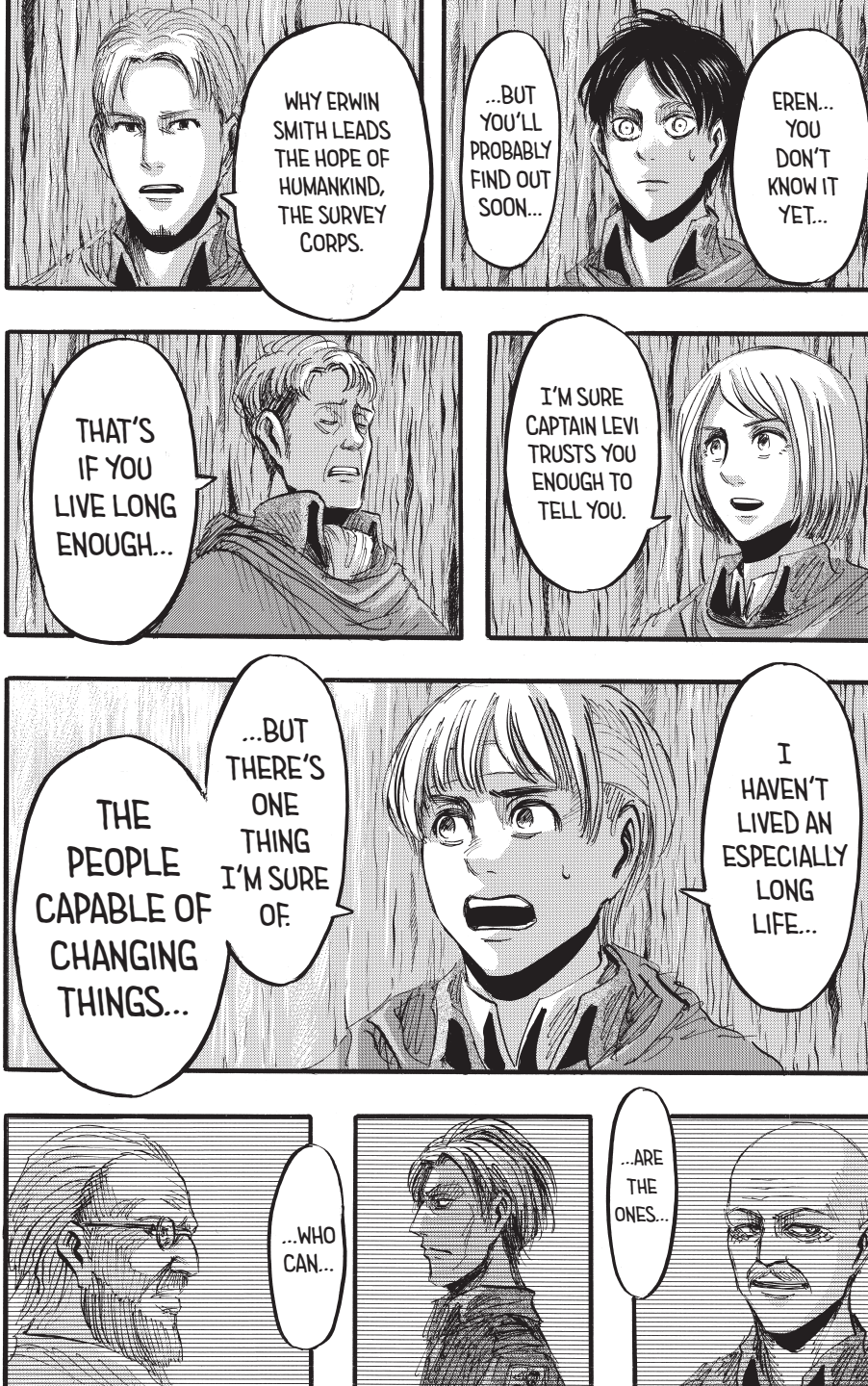

WHAT HAVE THEY FOUND OUT?
WHAT DO THEY KNOW?
WHAT CAN THEY DO?
HOW MANY OF THEM ARE THERE?
WHAT'S THAT TITAN'S IDENTITY?
BUT YOU CAN'T KNOW WHAT THE RESULTS WILL BE BEFORE MAKING THE CHOICE.

THE TIME TO MAKE A CHOICE ALWAYS COMES, EVEN WHEN WE DON'T KNOW THE OUTCOME!
BUT THE FLOW OF TIME WON'T STOP FOR US!
WE DON'T KNOW! AS ALWAYS, THERE'S SO MUCH WE JUST DON'T KNOW!

I'VE HEARD THE PHRASE "OUTCOME ACCOUNT-ABILITY."
I THINK IT'S USEFUL AND CORRECT.
NO MATTER HOW GOOD THE RESULTS ARE... IT DOESN'T ERASE THE SENSELESS DEATHS OF THOSE SOLDIERS.
THE COMMANDER MAY BE A CRUEL, EVEN EVIL, MAN... BUT I... I THINK THAT'S **GOOD.**
EVEN IF IT PUTS HIS COMRADES' LIVES IN DANGER, HE HAS TO ENVISION EVERY POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT...
...AND MAKE A CHOICE.
BETWEEN THE LIVES OF 100 OF US...
...AND THOSE OF HUMANITY, BEHIND THE WALLS...
...HE HAD TO CHOOSE.
AND HE CHOSE TO **WRITE OFF** THOSE HUNDRED LIVES.


WHY ERWIN SMITH LEADS THE HOPE OF HUMANKIND, THE SURVEY CORPS.
...BUT YOU'LL PROBABLY FIND OUT SOON...
EREN... YOU DON'T KNOW IT YET...
THAT'S IF YOU LIVE LONG ENOUGH...
I'M SURE CAPTAIN LEVI TRUSTS YOU ENOUGH TO TELL YOU.
THE PEOPLE CAPABLE OF CHANGING THINGS...
...BUT THERE'S ONE THING I'M SURE OF.
I HAVEN'T LIVED AN ESPECIALLY LONG LIFE...
...WHO CAN...
...ARE THE ONES...

...THROW AWAY EVERYTHING DEAR TO THEM.
WHEN FORCED TO FACE DOWN MONSTERS...
...THEY CAN EVEN LEAVE BEHIND THEIR HUMANITY.
SOMEONE WHO CAN'T THROW ANYTHING AWAY...
...WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO CHANGE ANYTHING.

WHOOM
WHOOM
HMPH !!
HOW ABOUT THAT? NOW YOU WON'T EVEN BE ABLE TO SCRATCH YOURSELF IF YOU'VE GOT AN ITCH!
NOT A SINGLE MUSCLE OF YOURS WILL EVER MOVE AGAIN, PROBABLY!
HERE'S HOW IT WORKS...
FWSH
FWSH
FWSH
...THE MORE YOUR WOUNDS CLOSE UP, THE MORE RIGID YOUR JOINTS BECOME!
FWSH
FWSH

SWOOSH
SWOOSH
WHAT ARE LEVI AND MIKE DOING...?
BUT IT SEEMS...
...THAT'S STILL NOT ENOUGH TO GET THE ONE INSIDE TO COME OUT.
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CLANG
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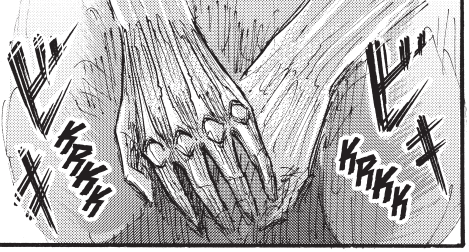
WHIZZZZZ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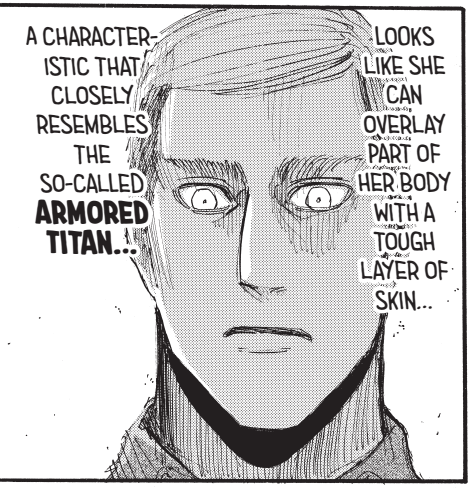
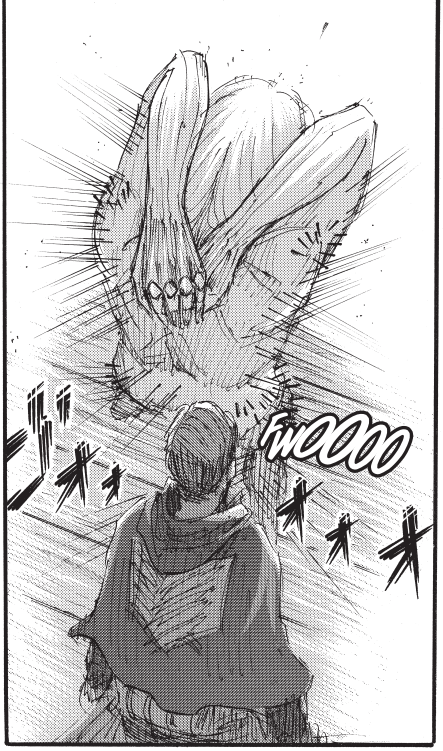

A CHARACTER-ISTIC THAT CLOSELY RESEMBLES THE SO-CALLED ARMORED TITAN...
LOOKS LIKE SHE CAN OVERLAY PART OF HER BODY WITH A TOUGH LAYER OF SKIN...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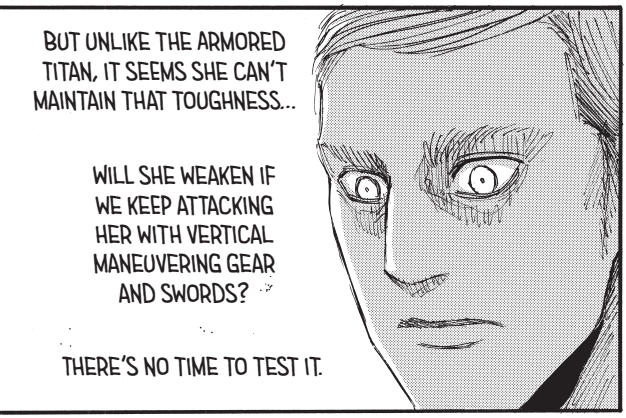
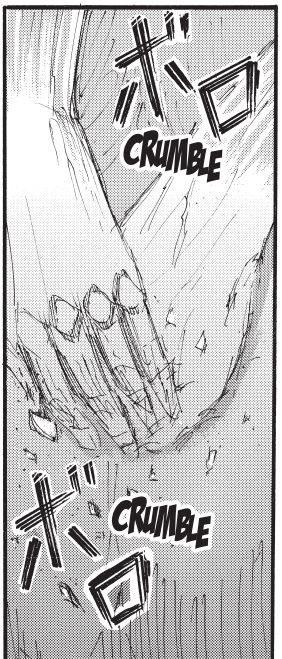

BUT UNLIKE THE ARMORED TITAN, IT SEEMS SHE CAN'T MAINTAIN THAT TOUGHNESS...
WILL SHE WEAKEN IF WE KEEP ATTACKING HER WITH VERTICAL MANEUVERING GEAR AND SWORDS?
THERE'S NO TIME TO TEST IT.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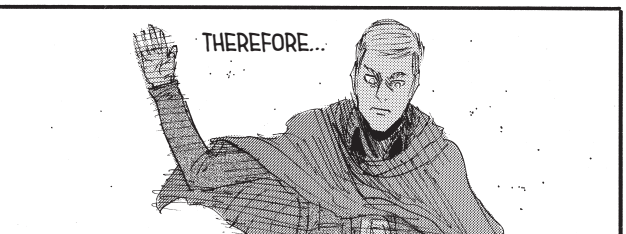
THEREFORE...

YES, SIR?
THUD
SET A CHARGE AND BLOW OFF OUR TARGET'S HANDS.
YES, SIR.
BUT ...
... THERE'S A CHANCE ...
...THAT THE FORCE OF THE BLAST WILL ALSO BLOW UP THE PERSON INSIDE.
IN THAT CASE, TRY PLACING THE EXPLOSIVES FARTHER BACK SO THAT THEY SEVER HER WRISTS.
THEN, AT MY SIGNAL, DETONATE ALL OF THE CHARGES SIMULTANE-OUSLY.
SWOOSH
ROG-ER!
HEY... WHY NOT GIVE US A BREAK AND JUST COME OUT OF THERE?
WE DON'T HAVE ALL DAY.

NOW WE HAVE TO KEEP THINKING UP WAYS TO DRAG YOU OUT OF THERE.
THINK ABOUT THE TROUBLE YOU'RE CAUSING.
DO YOU BELIEVE YOU CAN FIND A WAY OUT OF THIS SITUATION?
WHAT DO YOU THINK IS GOING TO HAPPEN?
DID YOU ENJOY IT?
YOU'VE MURDERED MY SUBORDINATES IN LOTS OF WAYS, HAVEN'T YOU?
YOU CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING, CAN'T YOU?
BUT THEN, SO ARE YOU. RIGHT?
WELL, NOW **I'M** ENJOYING **THIS.**

FWO
THERE'S ONE THING I WANT TO ASK YOU.
OH, RIGHT...
...!
COULD WE CUT OFF YOUR LIMBS?
THEY'D GROW BACK, RIGHT?
I'M TALKING ABOUT YOUR REAL BODY.
I'D GET IN TROUBLE IF YOU DIED, YOU SEE.
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SHEESH... YOU REALLY STARTLED ME, THERE.
...
DAMNED...
WHAT WAS THAT, A DEATH RATTLE?
...
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TWITCH
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SNIFF
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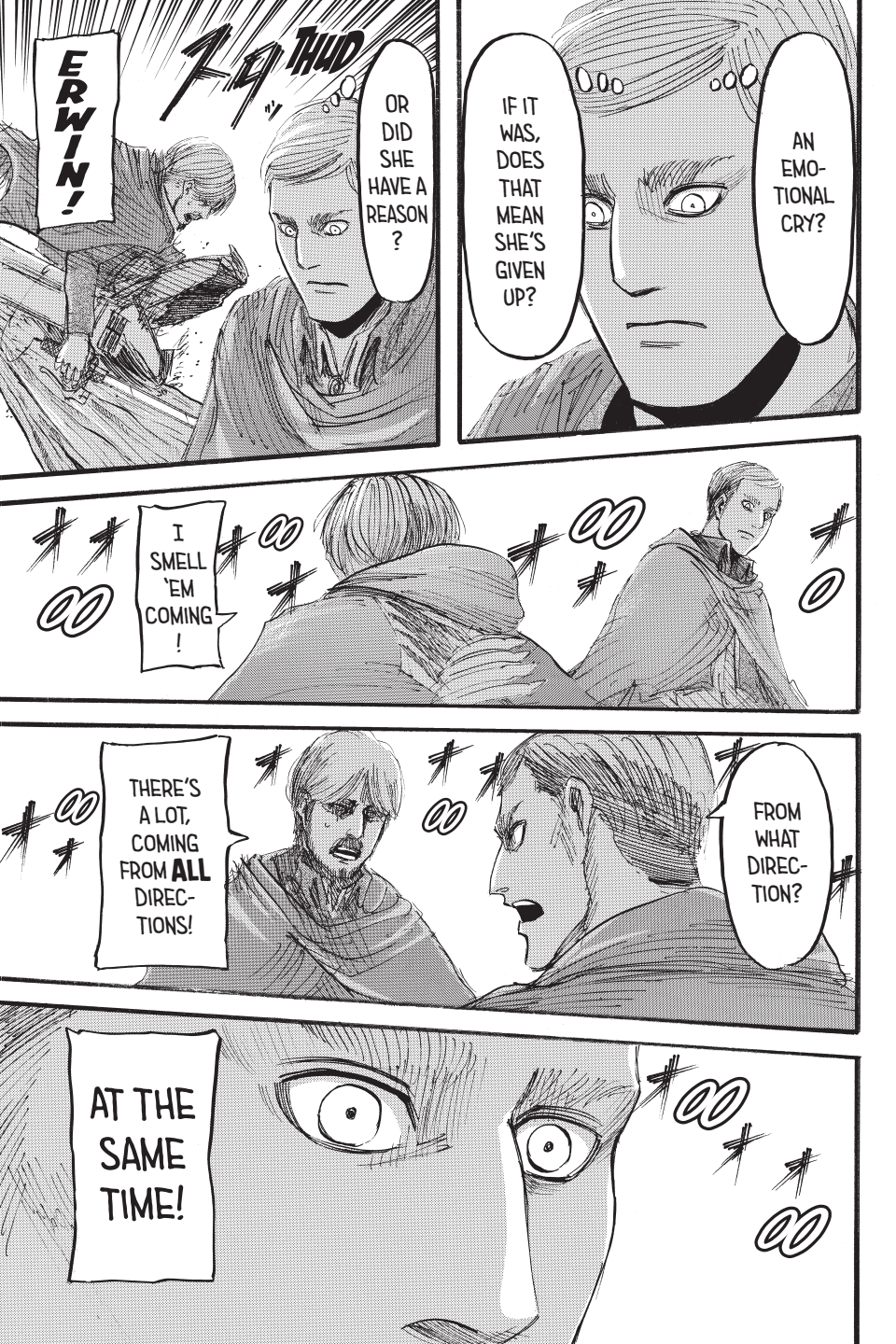
SNIFF
...

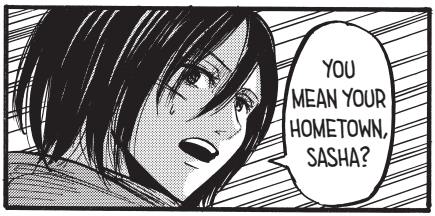

AN EMO-TIONAL CRY?
IF IT WAS, DOES THAT MEAN SHE'S GIVEN UP?
OR DID SHE HAVE A REASON?
THUD
ERWIN!
I SMELL 'EM COMING!
FROM WHAT DIREC-TION?
THERE'S A LOT, COMING FROM ALL DIREC-TIONS!
AT THE SAME TIME!

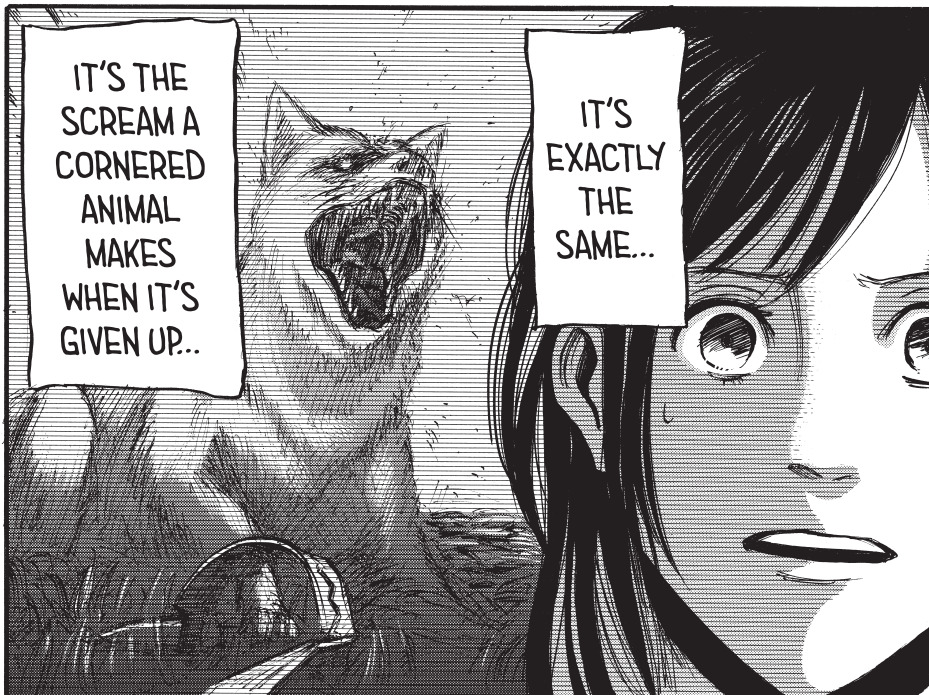
HUH ?!
WHAT ?!
THEY'RE ...
DUN DUN
DUN DUN
...ALL RUSHING INTO THE FOREST AT ONCE ?!

WHO CARES?! DON'T LET 'EM GO!!
SWISH
ARE THEY ALL ABNORMALS?!
...WHY ARE THEY SUDDENLY IGNORING US?!
DUN DUN DUN
ENGAGE!!

!
I'VE HEARD THAT SCREAM BEFORE!
BACK IN THE FOREST...

...WHAT'S THIS?
WAIT!
LISTEN TO ME, MIKASA!
SHAK


YOU MEAN YOUR HOMETOWN, SASHA?


IT'S EXACTLY THE SAME...
IT'S THE SCREAM A CORNERED ANIMAL MAKES WHEN IT'S GIVEN UP...

I WAS TAUGHT YOU HAVE TO BE ON GUARD UNTIL THE VERY END OF THE HUNT!
...?
SO... YOU'RE SAYING, BE CAREFUL?
PLEASE, A HUNDRED TIMES MORE THAN USUAL!
IF YOU UNDER-ESTIMATE THE FOREST, YOU'LL DIE!!
YOU KNOW, I GREW UP IN THE MOUN-TAINS TOO...
A GIRL WHO GREW VEGETABLES WOULDN'T UNDER-STAND!
...OH ?
ACTUALLY... SASHA'S INSTINCTS ARE USUALLY CORRECT...
...EVEN IF ONLY WHEN SHE HAS A BAD FEELING...
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ARMIN IS TOWARDS THE BACK OF THE CENTRAL COLUMN, AND EREN IS WITH THE WAGONS...
I THINK THAT'S WHAT THEY SAID...
...

FROM THE EAST FIRST! RIGHT THERE!
ERWIN!
SET THE CHARGES NOW!
FWISH
FWOO
TRANS-PORT ESCORT SQUAD!
INTERCEPT AND DESTROY!!

?!
FWWOOOOOOOOOO
THREE TITANS HAVE BROKEN THROUGH!!
ARE THEY ABNORMALS?!
THEY'RE IGNORING US?!

DUN DUN
DUN DUN
BAS-TARD …
HEY…
YOU DID SOMETHING BEFORE, DIDN'T YOU?
DUN
DUN DUN DUN
CAPTAIN LEVI!!

GUEEEEEEEEE

THEY'RE AFTER THE FEMALE TITAN?!
CHOMP
?!
DUN DUN
DUN DUN
DON'T TELL ME...
DUN DUN
DUN DUN
TITANS IN ALL DIRECTIONS !!

ALL SQUADS, COM-MENCE ATTACK !!
DEFEND THE FEMALE TITAN TO THE DEATH!!
?!

ALL SQUADS, PULL BACK!
WOOO

I NEVER THOUGHT...
THE ENEMY WAS PREPARED TO GIVE UP EVERYTHING.
SHE WOULD HAVE THE TITANS EAT HER...
TO ERASE ALL INFORMA-TION...
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
CRUNCH
CRUNCH

13. Special Target Restraining Weapons

THE SURVEY CORPS HAS DEVELOPED A NEW WEAPON IN ORDER TO RESTRAIN SPECIFIC TITANS. TO THE UNTRAINED EYE, IT LOOKS LIKE A NORMAL WAGON CARRYING BARRELS, BUT INSIDE EACH BARREL ARE SEVEN IRON TUBES CONTAINING COILED WIRES WITH ARROWHEADS ATTACHED AT BOTH ENDS.

THE WIRES ARE STRONG AND SPECIALLY MADE TO BECOME ELASTIC AFTER BEING EJECTED FROM THE BARRELS. WHEN THE DEVICE IS ACTIVATED, ARROWHEADS ARE FIRED FROM BOTH ENDS OF THE TUBES. THE ARROWHEADS ON ONE SIDE HEAD FOR THE TARGETED TITAN, WHILE THE ONES AT THE OTHER SIDE BECOME LODGED IN A TREE TRUNK, SO IF THE TIP PIERCES THE TITAN'S FLESH, IT'S POSSIBLE TO TETHER THE TITAN TO THE TREE WITH THE WIRE. THE PURPOSE OF THIS WEAPON IS TO IMMOBILIZE THE TARGET, ANCHORING IT WITH HUNDREDS OF ARROWHEADS FIRED FROM SEVERAL DIRECTIONS AND WIRES WITH GREAT TENSILE STRENGTH.

DEVELOPMENT OF THIS WEAPON REQUIRED A SIGNIFICANT CAPITAL OUTLAY, SO THE SURVEY CORPS HAD TO GUARANTEE POSITIVE RESULTS BEFORE INVESTORS WOULD CONTRIBUTE THE MONEY. TO THAT END, THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THE SURVEY CORPS ITSELF IS AT LEAST PARTIALLY DEPENDENT ON THE RESULTS OF THEIR CURRENT MISSION.

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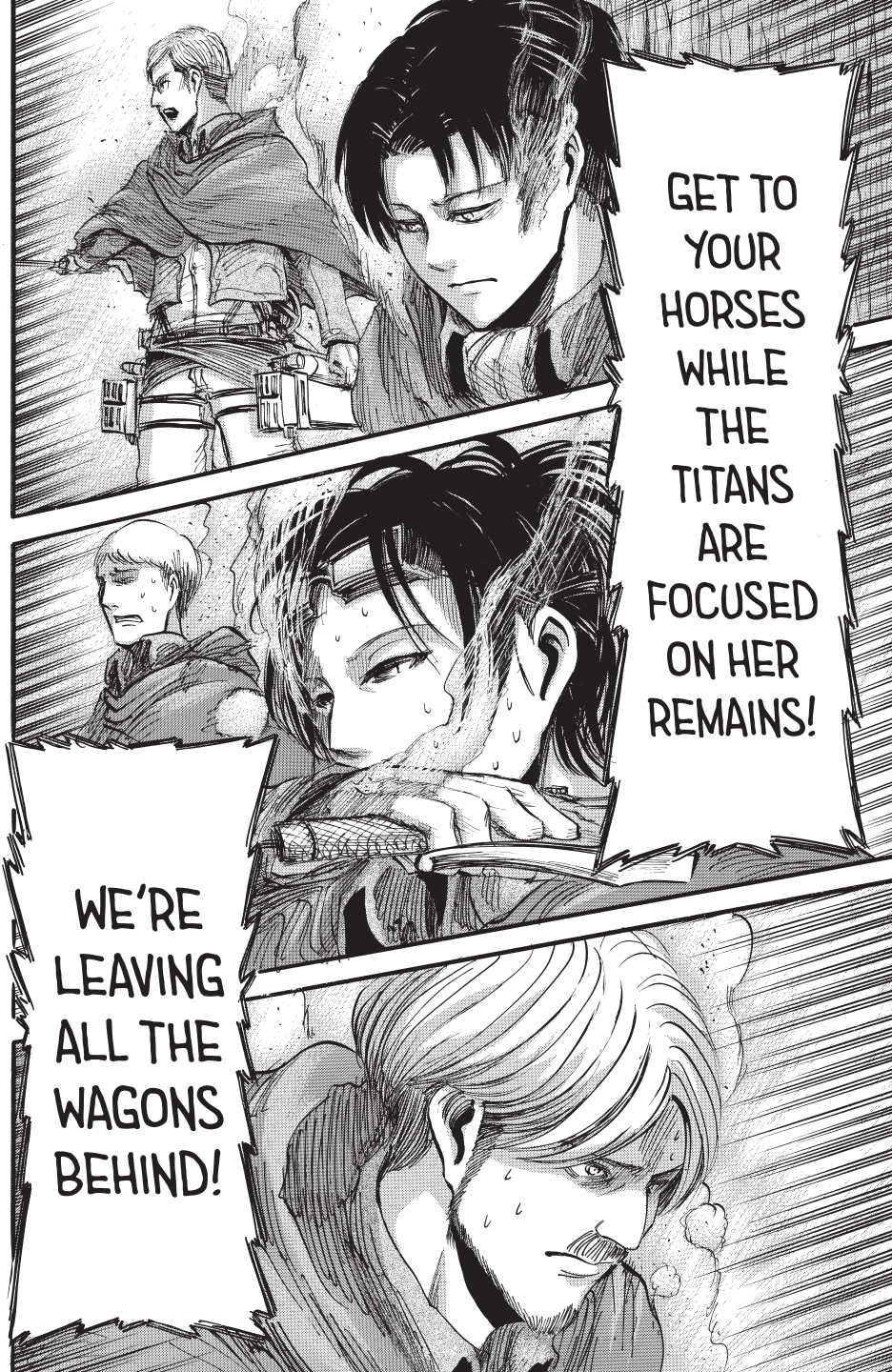
GET TO YOUR HORSES WHILE THE TITANS ARE FOCUSED ON HER REMAINS!
WE'RE LEAVING ALL THE WAGONS BEHIND!

GATHER WEST OF THE TITAN FOREST AND GET BACK IN FORMA-TION!
WE'RE RETURNING TO KARANES DISTRICT !!

AFTER ALL MY BLUSTER IN FRONT OF THE COUNCIL, THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS...
HEAVY LOSSES AND NOTHING USEFUL GAINED.
WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO US AND EREN WHEN WE STROLL BACK THROUGH THE GATE?
THINK ABOUT THAT AFTER WE'RE HOME. RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE TO CONCEN-TRATE ON RETREATING WITHOUT FURTHER CASUALTIES.
AT LEAST FOR NOW...
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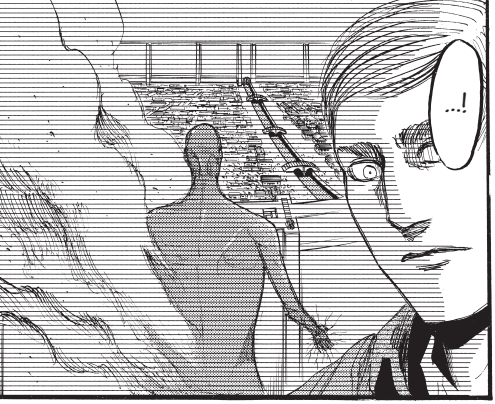
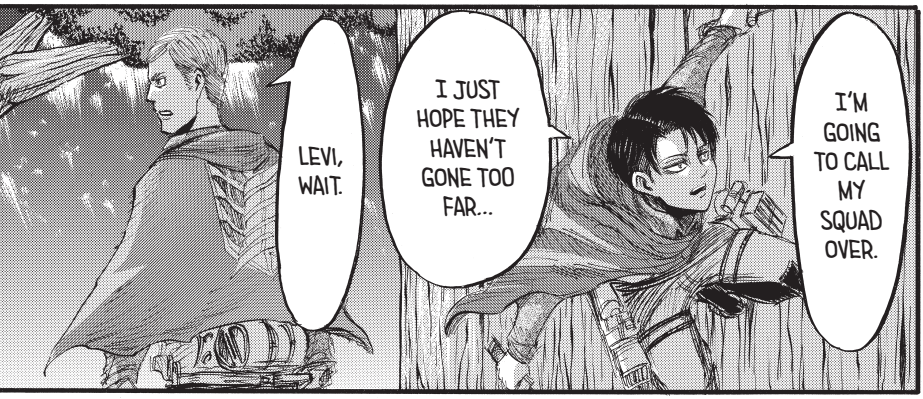
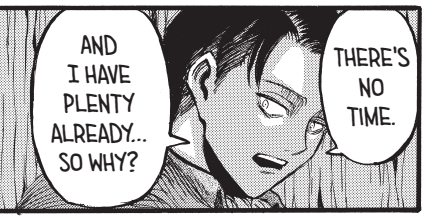

...!

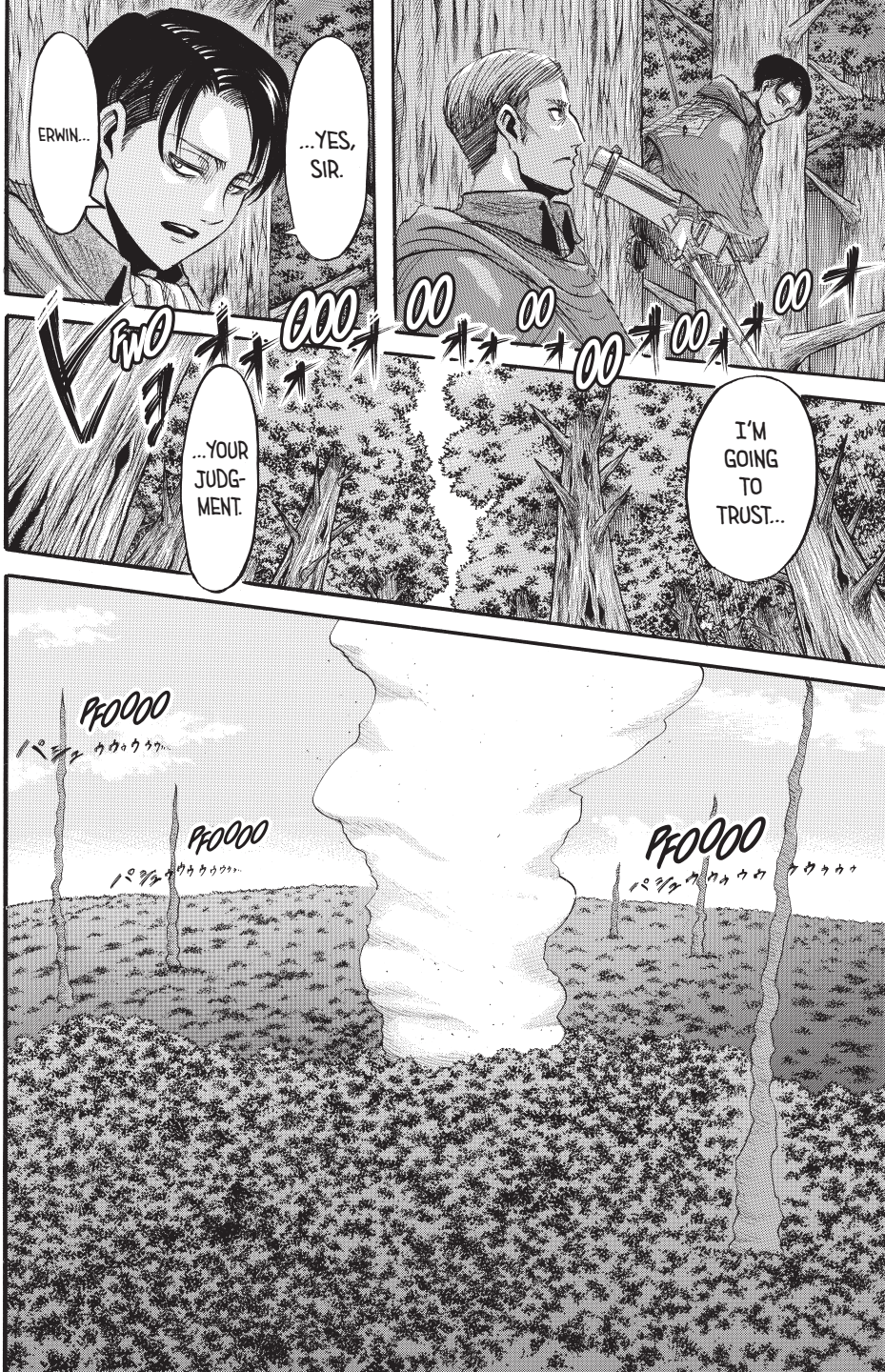
HARD TO SEE THROUGH THE STEAM FROM THE CARCASS.
COULD GET IN THE WAY OF OUR SIGNAL FLARES, TOO...


I'M GOING TO CALL MY SQUAD OVER.
I JUST HOPE THEY HAVEN'T GONE TOO FAR...
LEVI, WAIT.


THERE'S NO TIME.
AND I HAVE PLENTY ALREADY... SO WHY?

THAT'S AN ORDER.
FOLLOW IT.

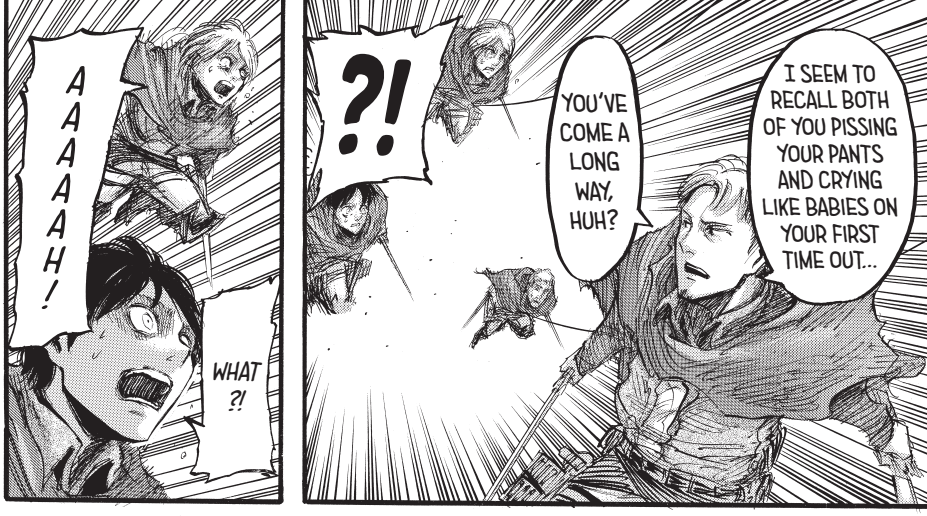
REPLENISH YOUR GAS AND BLADES.

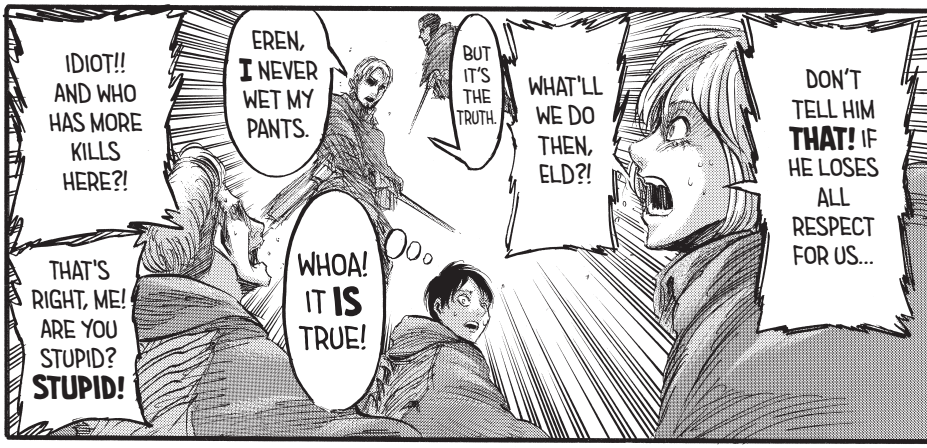

ERWIN...
...YES, SIR.
I'M GOING TO TRUST...
...YOUR JUDGMENT.
PFOOOO
PFOOOO
PFOOOO

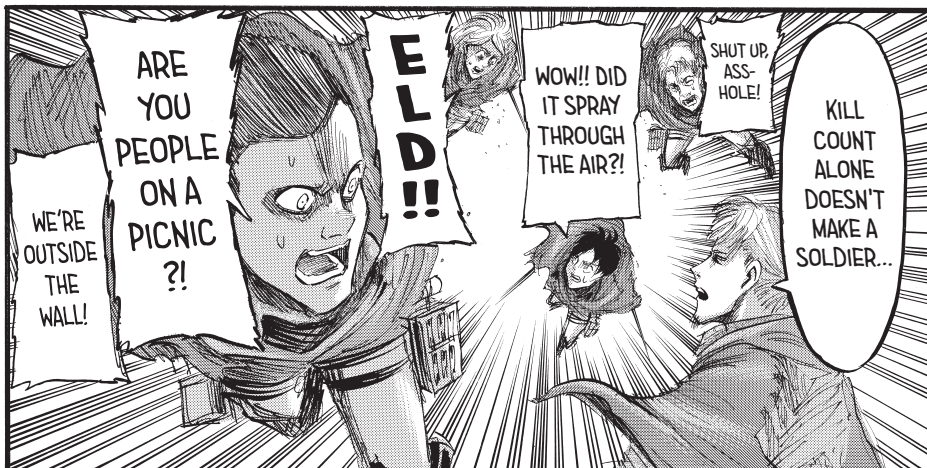
ALL TROOPS, FALL BACK!
THAT MEANS GET ON YOUR HORSE AND RIDE HOME.
RIGHT!
PHOOOO
シュウ
カァー
WITH-DRAW ...!
WHAT?
IT'S OVER ...?
WE'RE GOING HOME!
YES!

PRE-
PARE
TO
RE-
TREAT!
GET
BACK
TO
YOUR
HORSES
!
LOOKS
LIKE
WE'RE
DONE
HERE.
LET'S GO
SEE THE
FACE OF THE
BASTARD
INSIDE THAT
FEMALE
TITAN.
YOU
HEARD
HIM!
...
THANKS
TO YOU,
EREN.
WE
REALLY
KNOW
ITS
IDENTITY
...?
COME
ON!
FWISH
FWOOO

IT'S PRETTY DIFFICULT, MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICE...
YOU CHOSE **US** THEN, AND THIS IS THE RESULT.
HE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING ON THIS MISSION EXCEPT SERVE AS BAIT.
OTHER THAN MOAN AND GROAN THE WHOLE TIME...
U R K ...
REALLY, WHAT THE HELL **DID** HE DO?
HEY, QUIT PAMPERING THE KID, PETRA.
THE EXPEDITION AIN'T DONE 'TIL YOU'RE SAFE AND SOUND AT HOME.
GOT IT, KID?
OKAY, I GET IT ALREADY!
OF COURSE, I CAN'T GIVE YOU THAT UNTIL THE MISSION'S ACTUALLY OVER...
ALTHOUGH I GUESS SURVIVING YOUR FIRST TIME OUT CAN BE CONSIDERED A SUCCESS...


AAAAAH!
WHAT?!
?!
YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY, HUH?
I SEEM TO RECALL BOTH OF YOU PISSING YOUR PANTS AND CRYING LIKE BABIES ON YOUR FIRST TIME OUT...


IDIOT!! AND WHO HAS MORE KILLS HERE?!
THAT'S RIGHT, ME! ARE YOU STUPID? STUPID!
EREN, I NEVER WET MY PANTS.
BUT IT'S THE TRUTH.
WHOA! IT IS TRUE!
WHAT'LL WE DO THEN, ELD?!
DON'T TELL HIM THAT! IF HE LOSES ALL RESPECT FOR US...


ELD!!
ARE YOU PEOPLE ON A PICNIC?!
WE'RE OUTSIDE THE WALL!
WOW!! DID IT SPRAY THROUGH THE AIR?!
SHUT UP, ASS-HOLE!
KILL COUNT ALONE DOESN'T MAKE A SOLDIER...

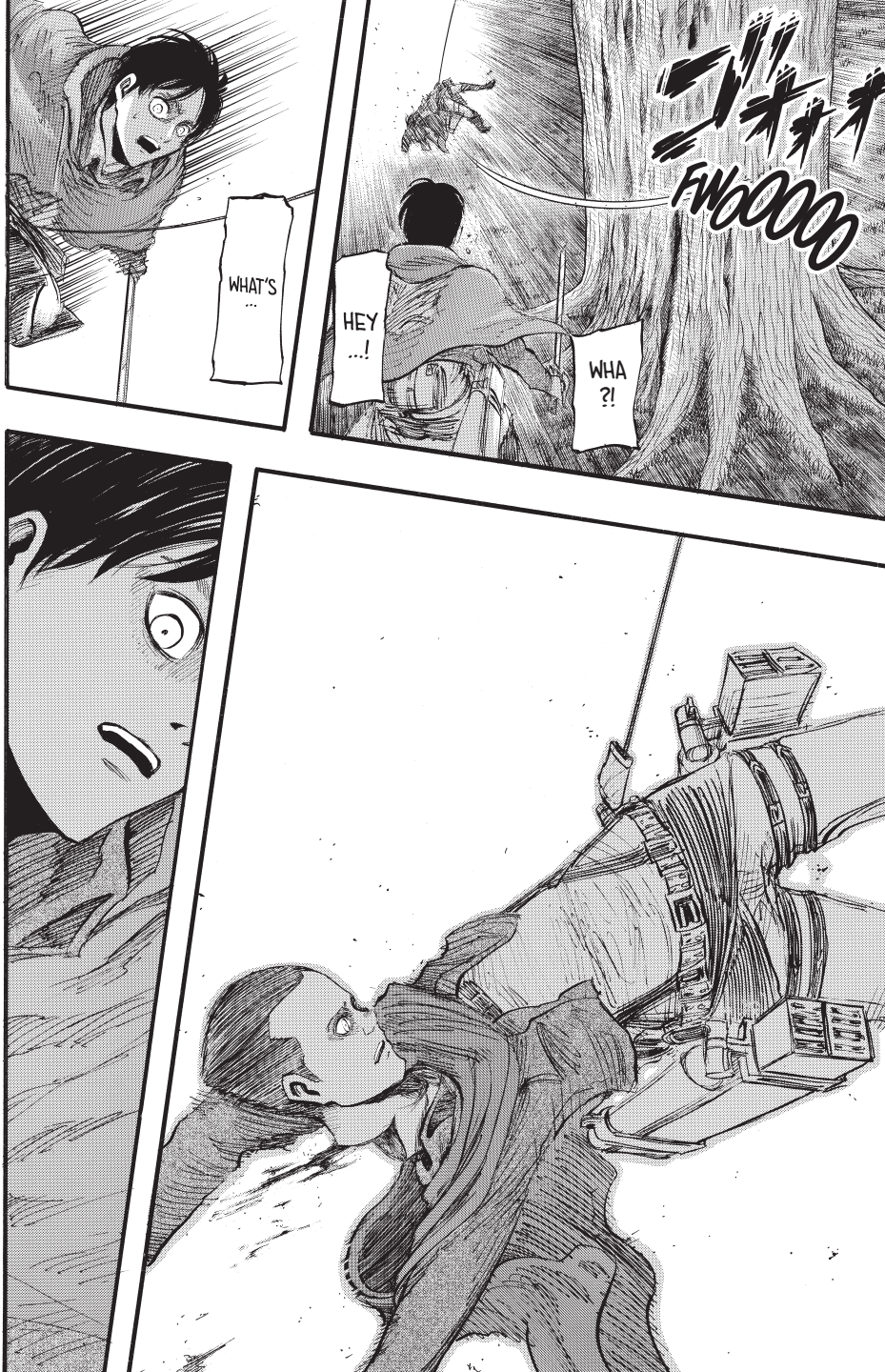
OH!
KA-CHA
THAT'S PROBABLY A SIGNAL FROM CAPTAIN LEVI.
!
AND JUST FOR THE RECORD, EREN, I NEVER PISSED MYSELF EITHER!!
...
AFTER THAT, WE'RE GOIN' HOME, SO LET'S MOVE!
WE'RE JOINING BACK UP WITH THE CAPTAIN!

CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
ERWIN...
WHY DID YOU MAKE LEVI RESUPPLY?
WE'RE IN A HURRY ...
HANGE...
IT'S BECAUSE I REMEMBERED SOMETHING YOU DEDUCED.
HM ...?
WHEN THE COLOSSAL TITAN DISAPPEARED, NO ONE SAW WHAT WAS INSIDE.
YOU THEORIZED THAT INSIDE WAS SOMEONE WHO HAD BEEN EQUIPPED WITH VERTICAL MANEUVERING GEAR, WHO MADE A QUICK GETAWAY USING THE STEAM AS COVER.

CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP CLOP
BUT REMEMBER, I FINALLY CONCLUDED THAT WAS IMPOSSIBLE, BASED UPON THE STATE THAT EREN WAS IN WHEN HE EMERGED FROM THE TITAN...
HIS EQUIPMENT WAS DAMAGED AND EVEN HIS UNIFORM WAS GONE.
WORST OF ALL, EREN WAS SO EXHAUSTED THAT HE COULDN'T EVEN STAND.
THAT FEMALE TITAN HAD THE ABILITY TO DRAW TITANS TO HER WITH A SCREAM.
CLOP CLOP CLOP
THE MISSION FAILED BECAUSE WE COULDN'T PREDICT THAT.
CLOP CLOP
BUT WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO MAKE THOSE LEAPS OF IMAGINATION IF WE'RE GOING TO OUTSMART THE ENEMY.
IF THAT "TITAN POWER" HAS LEVELS OF SKILL, THEN IT'S A MISTAKE TO THINK OF EREN, A BEGINNER, AS THE BENCHMARK.
CLOP CLOP CLOP
SO BACK TO YOUR HYPOTHESIS, IF THE ENEMY WAS ABLE TO ESCAPE UNDER COVER OF THE STEAM...

...AND HAD ON THE SAME EQUIPMENT THAT WE DO...
FW
CAP-TAIN LEVI!
!
...THEN THEY COULD BLEND IN WITH THE SOLDIERS.
WHO ARE YOU?
...
WAIT, THAT ISN'T ...
WOOSH

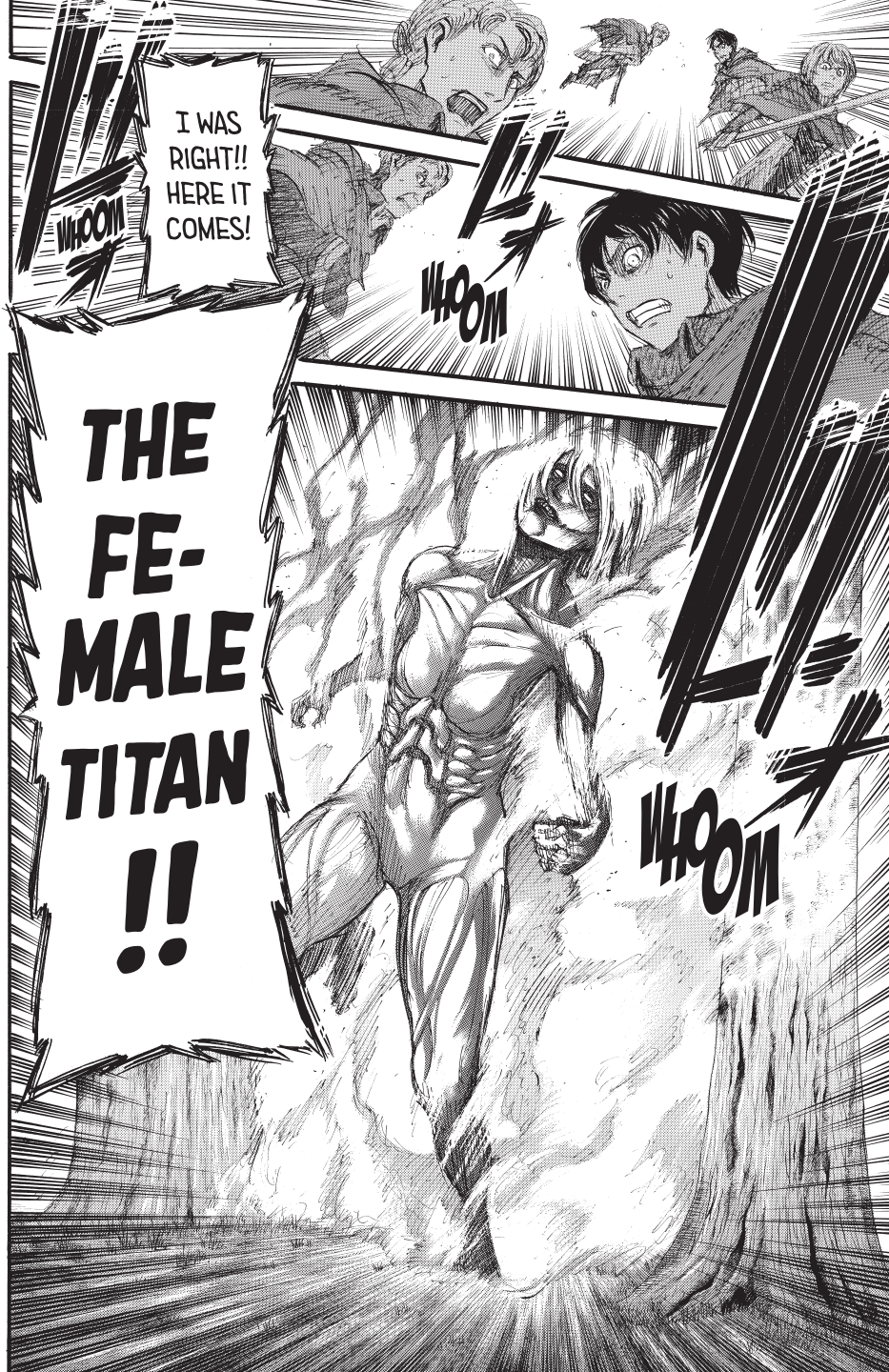
WOOSH
HUH ?!
KAPOW
?!
GUNTHER?!


WHAT'S ...
HEY ...!
WHA ?!
FWOOOO

KEEP GOING !!
EREN, DON'T STOP!
GRAB
FWO
WHO ARE YOU ?!
PRO-TECT EREN !!
THEY'RE ATTACKING WITH MANEUVER-ING GEAR!!
...
GUNTHER...

HEAD TO COMMAND AT FULL SPEED! OR TO ANY FRIENDLY FORCES!!
WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO GET THE HORSES!!
ELD, WHERE DO WE GO?!
SHIT! WHAT DO WE DO?!
AT THE VERY LEAST, WE'LL GO DOWN TOGETHER!!
COME ON!!
GOD-DAMN YOU... HOW DARE YOU?!
OR ARE THERE MORE OF THEM?!
IS THAT THE FEMALE TITAN'S "RIDER" ?!
I THOUGHT IT WAS CAPTURED !!
HOW ...?!
IT CAN'T BE ...!!
THE FEMALE TITAN?!

CLOP CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
IF THE ENEMY HAS A WAY TO CONSERVE STRENGTH...
...IT'S POSSIBLE ANOTHER TITAN WILL APPEAR.
FLASH


I WAS RIGHT!! HERE IT COMES!
WHOOM
WHOOM
WHOOM
THE FE-MALE TITAN !!

WHOOM
SHIT!
DAMN YOU!
WHOOM WHOOM WHOOM
... KH!
THIS TIME, I'M KILLING THAT THING!!
YOU CAN'T !!

CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
I HAD A FEELING WE WOULD CONFRONT THE ENEMY THIS TIME.
BUT WITH OUR BEST STRATEGY COUNTERED, WE HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE OF BESTING THIS ENEMY.
THE THREE OF US WILL BRING DOWN THE FEMALE TITAN!
EREN, YOU KEEP HEADING TOWARDS THE COMMANDER AT TOP SPEED!!
WE MUST BE PREPARED TO LOSE EVERY-THING AND FIGHT!
I WILL TAKE WHATEVER RISKS ARE NECESSARY.

I'LL FIGHT, TOO!
NO, THIS IS THE BEST WAY!
IT'S TOO RISKY TO USE YOUR POWER!
WHAT'S WRONG, ASSHOLE?! DO YOU DOUBT OUR ABILITIES?!
...!
DO YOU, EREN?
DO YOU REALLY HAVE...
...SO LITTLE FAITH IN US?
...!
AND IF WE DON'T FIGHT...
...HUMANITY CAN'T WIN.

FIGHT WELL !!
I BELIEVE MY SQUAD WILL BE VICTORIOUS !!
FW
WOO
OO
O
WHOOM

YAAH!
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FWISH
WHIZZZZ
SWOSH

WOOSH
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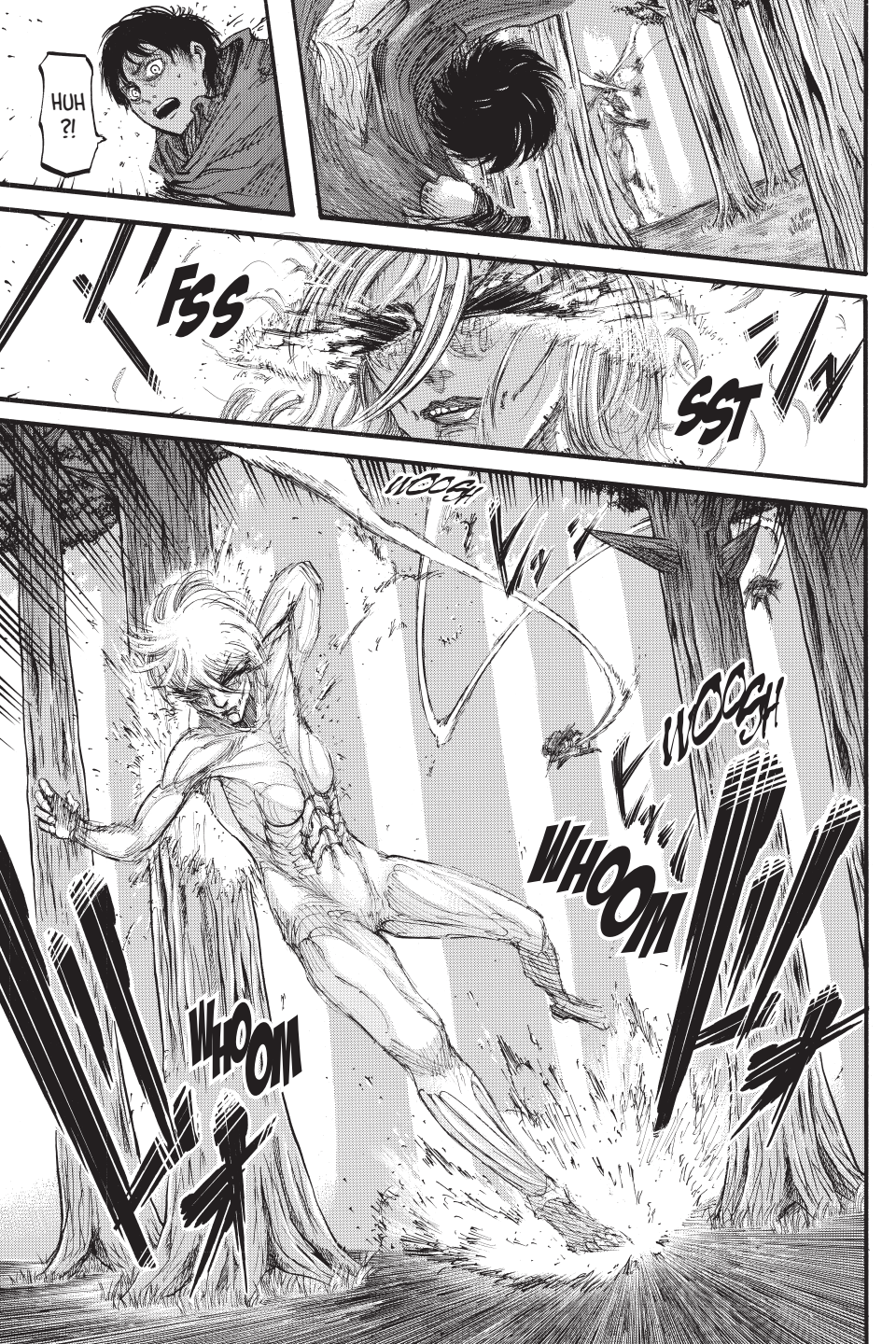
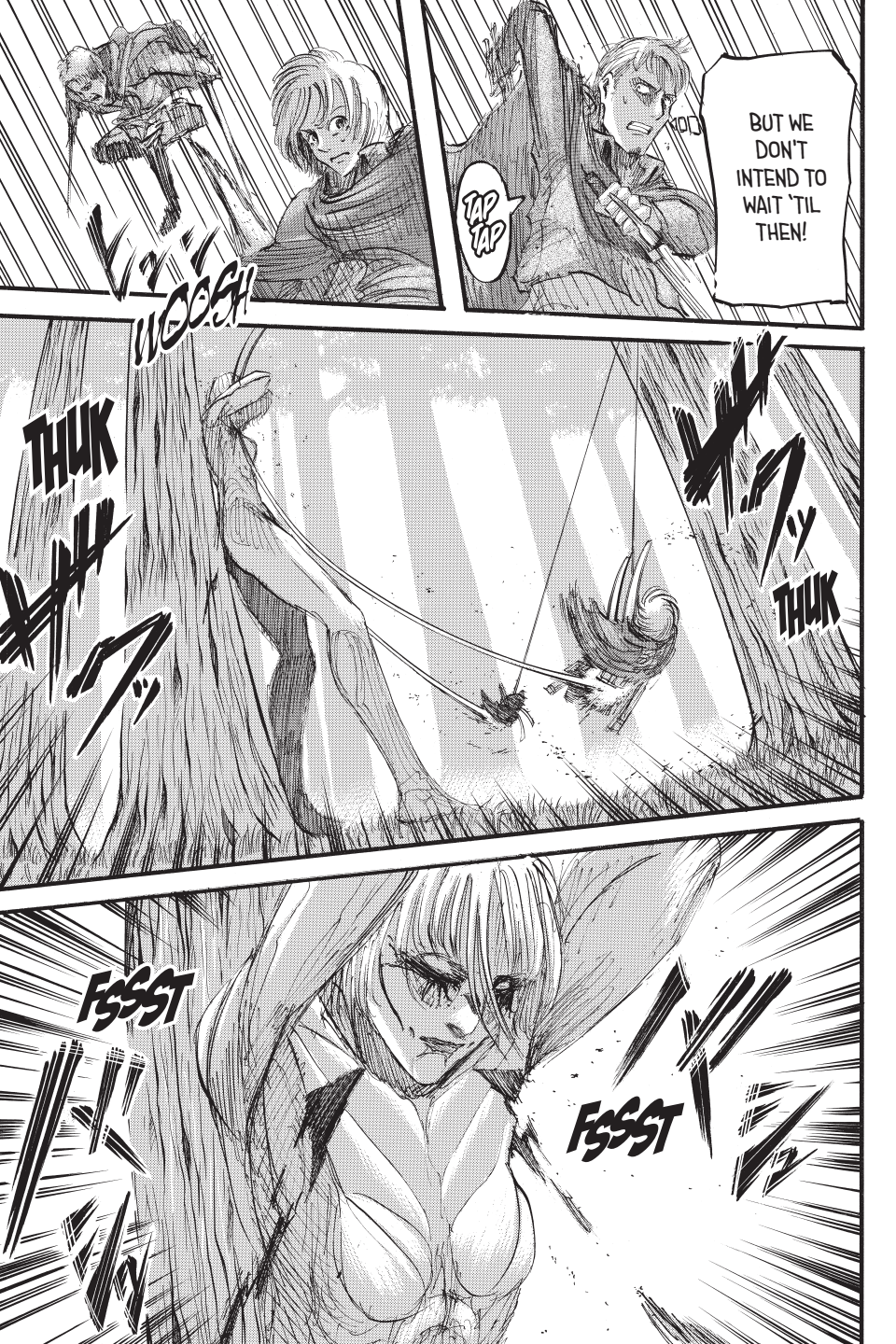
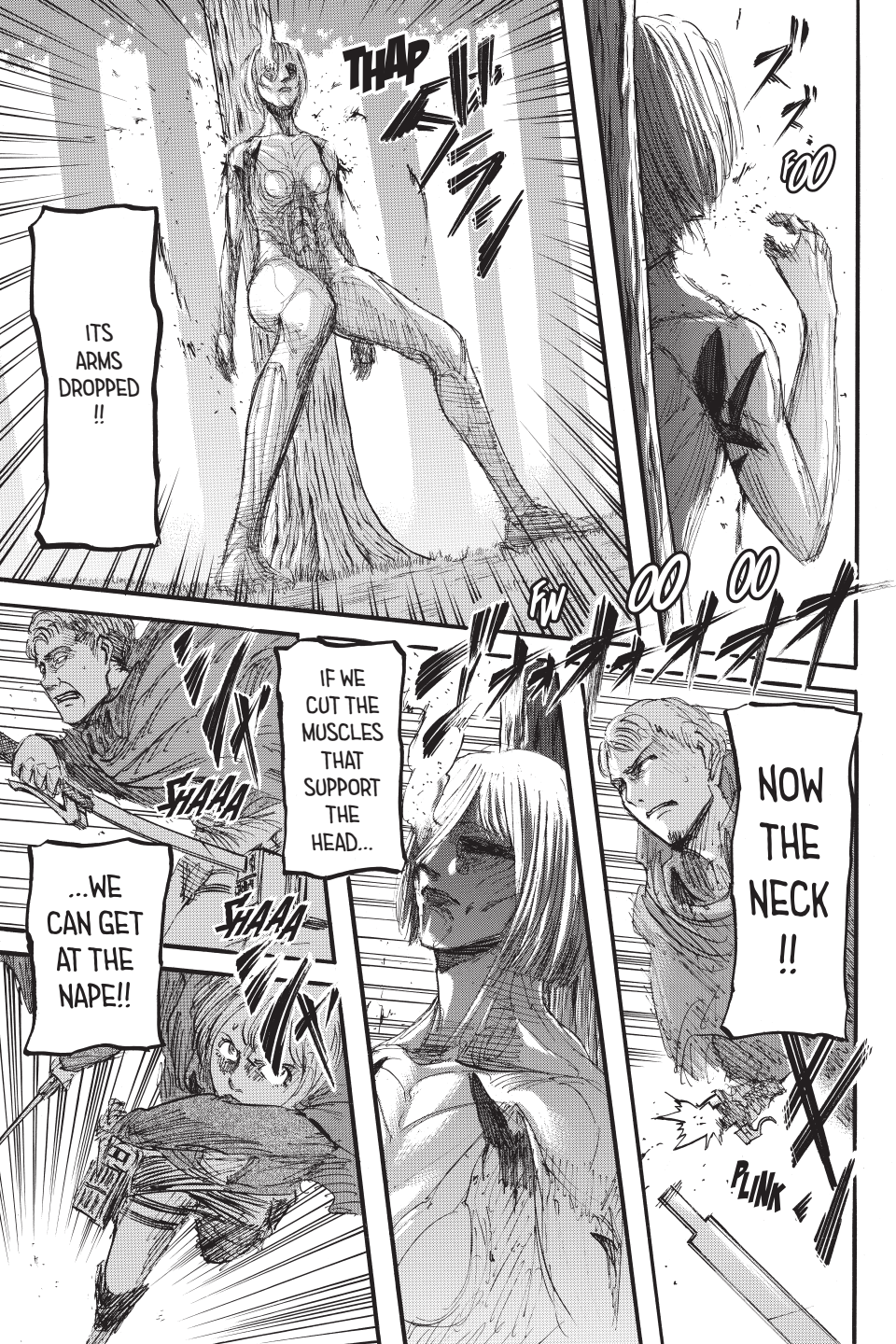
SHK
THUK
THUK

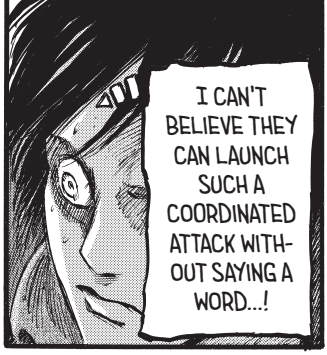

HUH ?!
FSS
SST
WOOSH
WOOSH
WHOOM
WHOOM

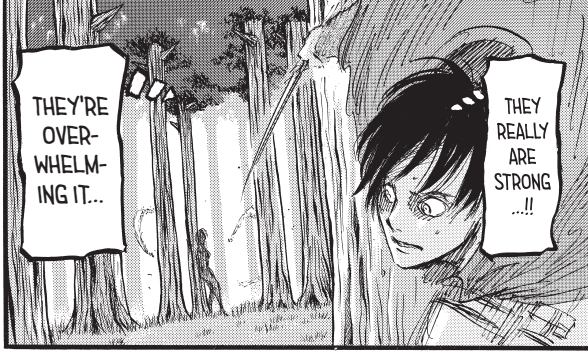
WE BLINDED IT!
I'LL KILL IT!!
IT SHOULD BE IN THE DARK FOR A FULL MINUTE!
DIE A MISERABLE DEATH!!
WE'LL STOP IT BY THEN!!
TAKE WHAT'S COMING TO YOU!!
TO HELL WITH CAPTURING IT!!
WHUD
IT'S WAITING FOR ITS EYES TO GROW BACK!
OF COURSE...
SLOSH

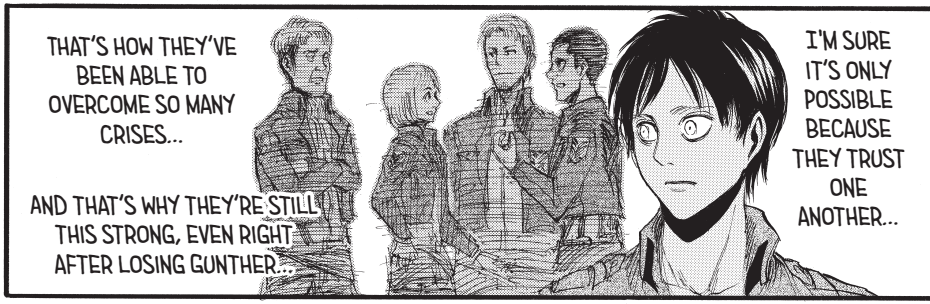

BUT WE DON'T INTEND TO WAIT 'TIL THEN!
TAP TAP
WOOSH
THUK
THUK
FSSST
FSSST

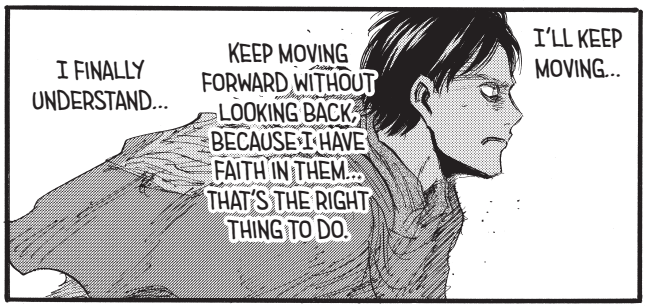
WOOSH
THUD
WE'LL SLICE AWAY UNTIL IT CAN'T RAISE ITS ARMS!!
THE MUSCLES AROUND THE SHOULDERS!
ALL OF THEM!!
SSSSS
SLASH
SLASH
SLASH
CUT THEM ALL!!

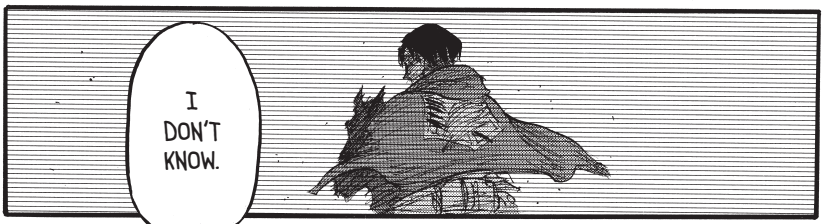

THAP
ITS ARMS DROPPED !!
FW
NOW THE NECK !!
PLINK
IF WE CUT THE MUSCLES THAT SUPPORT THE HEAD...
FHAAA
...WE CAN GET AT THE NAPE!!
FHAAA

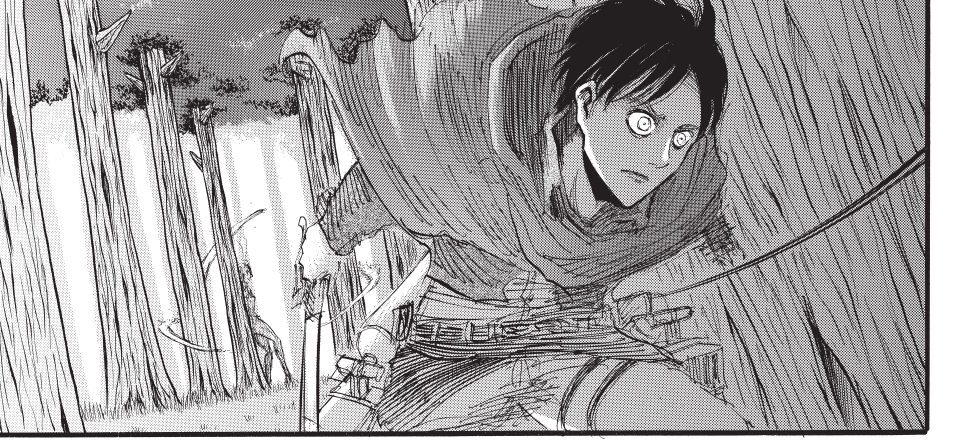

I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY CAN LAUNCH SUCH A COORDINATED ATTACK WITHOUT SAYING A WORD...!

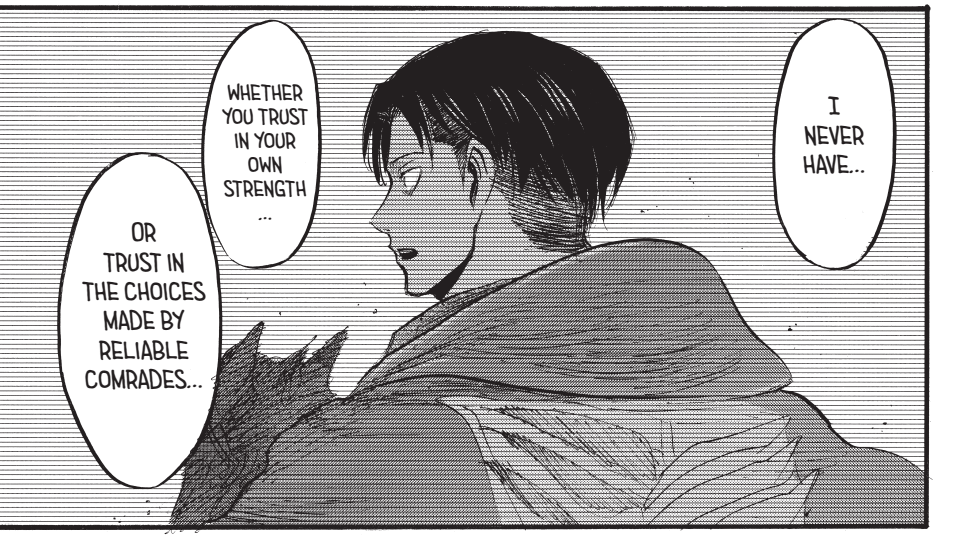

THEY'RE OVERWHELMING IT...
THEY REALLY ARE STRONG ...!!

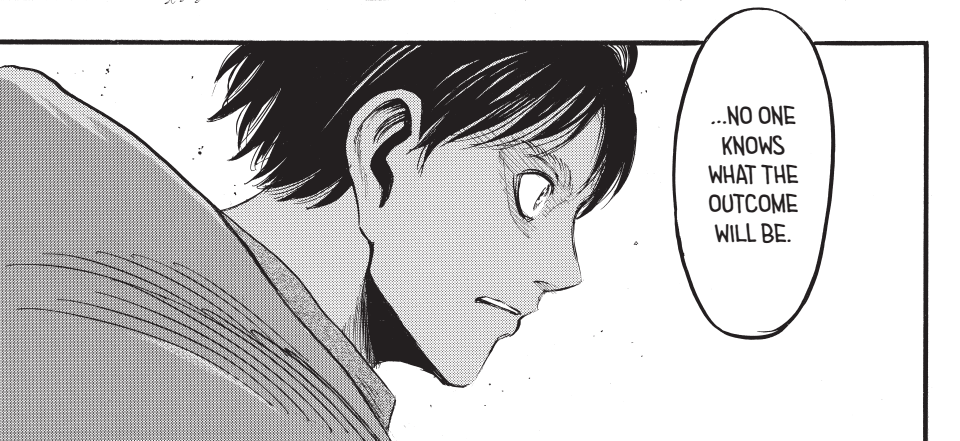

THAT'S HOW THEY'VE BEEN ABLE TO OVERCOME SO MANY CRISES...
AND THAT'S WHY THEY'RE STILL THIS STRONG, EVEN RIGHT AFTER LOSING GUNTHER...
I'M SURE IT'S ONLY POSSIBLE BECAUSE THEY TRUST ONE ANOTHER...


I FINALLY UNDERSTAND...
KEEP MOVING FORWARD WITHOUT LOOKING BACK, BECAUSE I HAVE FAITH IN THEM... THAT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO.
I'LL KEEP MOVING...


I DON'T KNOW.




I NEVER HAVE...
WHETHER YOU TRUST IN YOUR OWN STRENGTH ...
OR TRUST IN THE CHOICES MADE BY RELIABLE COMRADES...


...NO ONE KNOWS WHAT THE OUTCOME WILL BE.

FWISH
FW
OO
OO
OO

BLINK
WHIZZZZ
GLANCE
CHOMP

SNAP
ELD
!!

LEAN
?!
WHA ...?!
HOW ?!
THERE'S NO WAY IT CAN SEE ALREADY !!
IT...
...HASN'T EVEN BEEN 30 SECONDS !!
?!

HOW CAN YOU...
...DO THAT ?!
WHOOM WHOOM
SHAAA
YOU CONCEN-TRATED ON THE ONE EYE SO IT'D HEAL FASTER?!
JUST ONE EYE ?!
PETRA!! GET HIGHER, QUICK!!

NOW!
PETRA !!
WHOOM
SPLATCH

THUK
...
HEY!
DIE!
FWISH
WHIZZZZ
WHAK

KRS
SH
THE BLADE WON'T GO THROUGH ...
HOW ...?!
BASH
WHOOH

I'M GONNA...
...KILL YOU!

FWOO
SO, AS MUCH AS YOU CAN...
...CHOOSE WHATEVER YOU'LL REGRET THE LEAST.
I MADE...
CHOMP
FLASH
...THE WRONG CHOICE...

I WANTED TO...
...BELIEVE IN MY COMRADES...
...AND BECAUSE OF THAT, THEY ALL DIED.
IF I HAD BELIEVED IN MYSELF...
...FROM THE VERY BEGINNING...
...AND FOUGHT...

IF I HAD ONLY BEATEN THIS THING TO A PULP FROM THE BEGINNING...!!

ATTACK
ON TITAN

WHOOM
FWOOOOO

Episode 29:
Crushing Blow

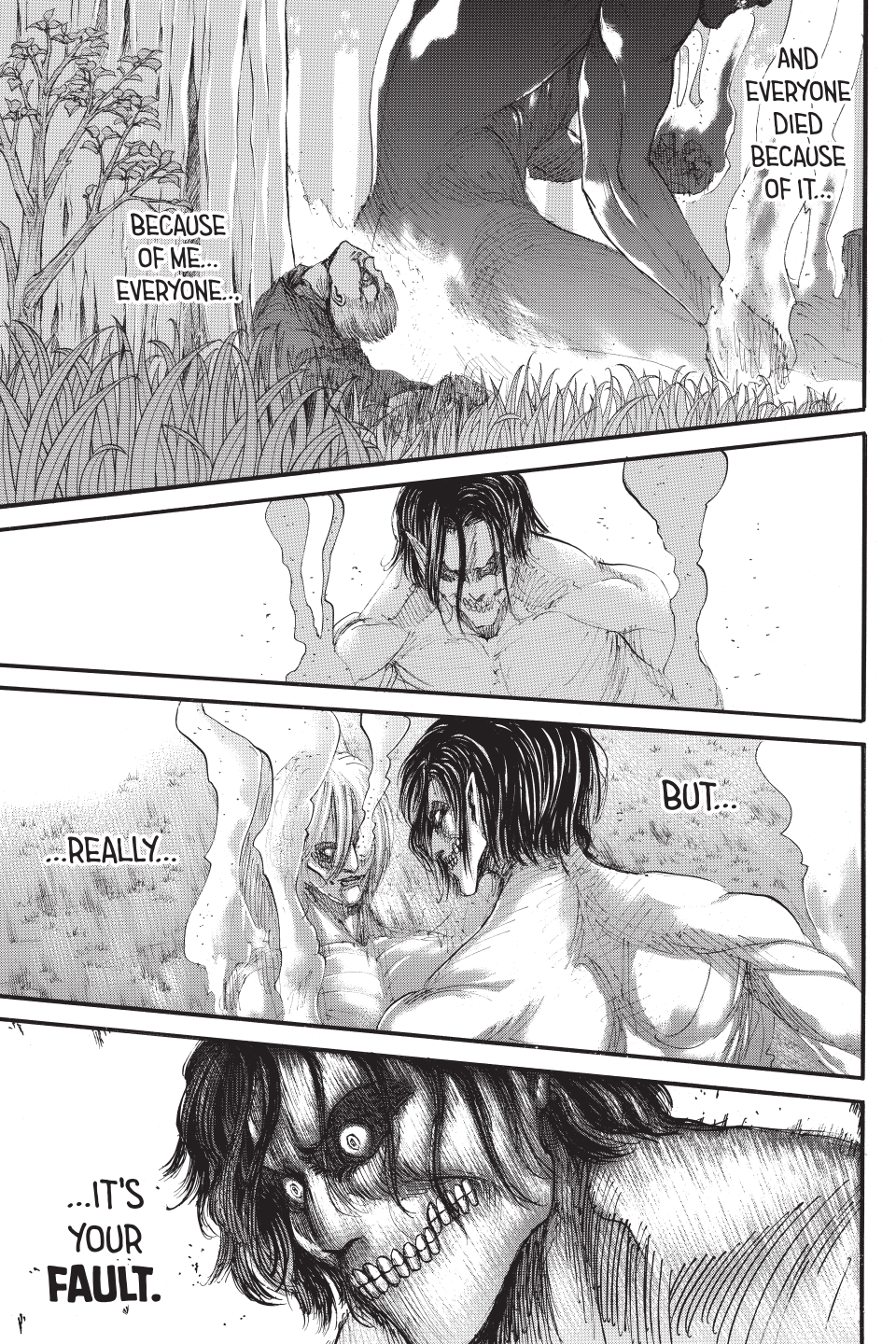
CRACK
GRRAMM

WHOOM

GRAAH
GR
ACK
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

BACK THEN...
IF I HAD FOUGHT WITH THE OTHERS...
NO...
BEFORE THAT... IF I HAD FOUGHT THEN...
WHEN CAPTAIN LEVI WAS WITH US...
I KNOW WE WOULD'VE WON.
WE MIGHT'VE EVEN BEEN ABLE TO CAPTURE IT...

IF YOU WANNA DO IT, GO AHEAD.
YOU'RE NOT WRONG.
EREN...
I MADE...
I MADE THIS CHOICE.

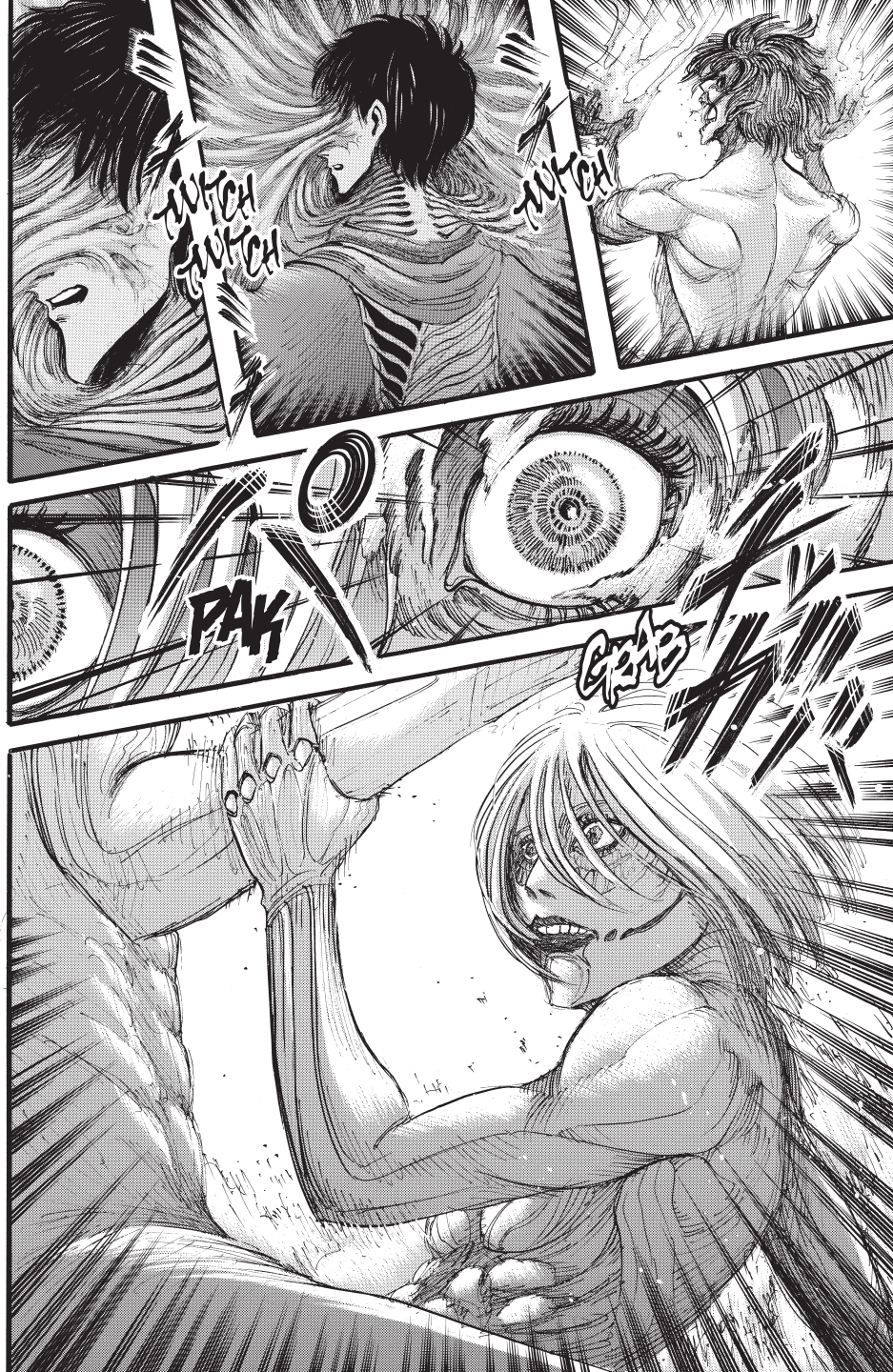

BECAUSE OF ME... EVERYONE...
AND EVERYONE DIED BECAUSE OF IT...
...REALLY...
BUT...
...IT'S YOUR FAULT.

AAAH!!
GRAA!!

WAGH!
GRA!
GWAGH!!
A
A...
GA...
AAA!
GRAAA!

AAAA
?!
?!
AA
DON'T TELL ME...
THAT VOICE ...
EREN ?!
...
THIS WAY...
WOOSH
WHA...?! HUH?! HEY! W-WHERE ARE YOU GOING?! MIKASA! COME BACK!!

I'M GONNA TEAR YOU APART...
SNAP
AS SOON AS THESE HANDS HEAL...
...I'LL RIP YOU UP...
CRACK
CRUSH YOU TO A PULP...
BREAK YOU INTO...
...LITTLE PIECES...
...AND EAT YOU!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

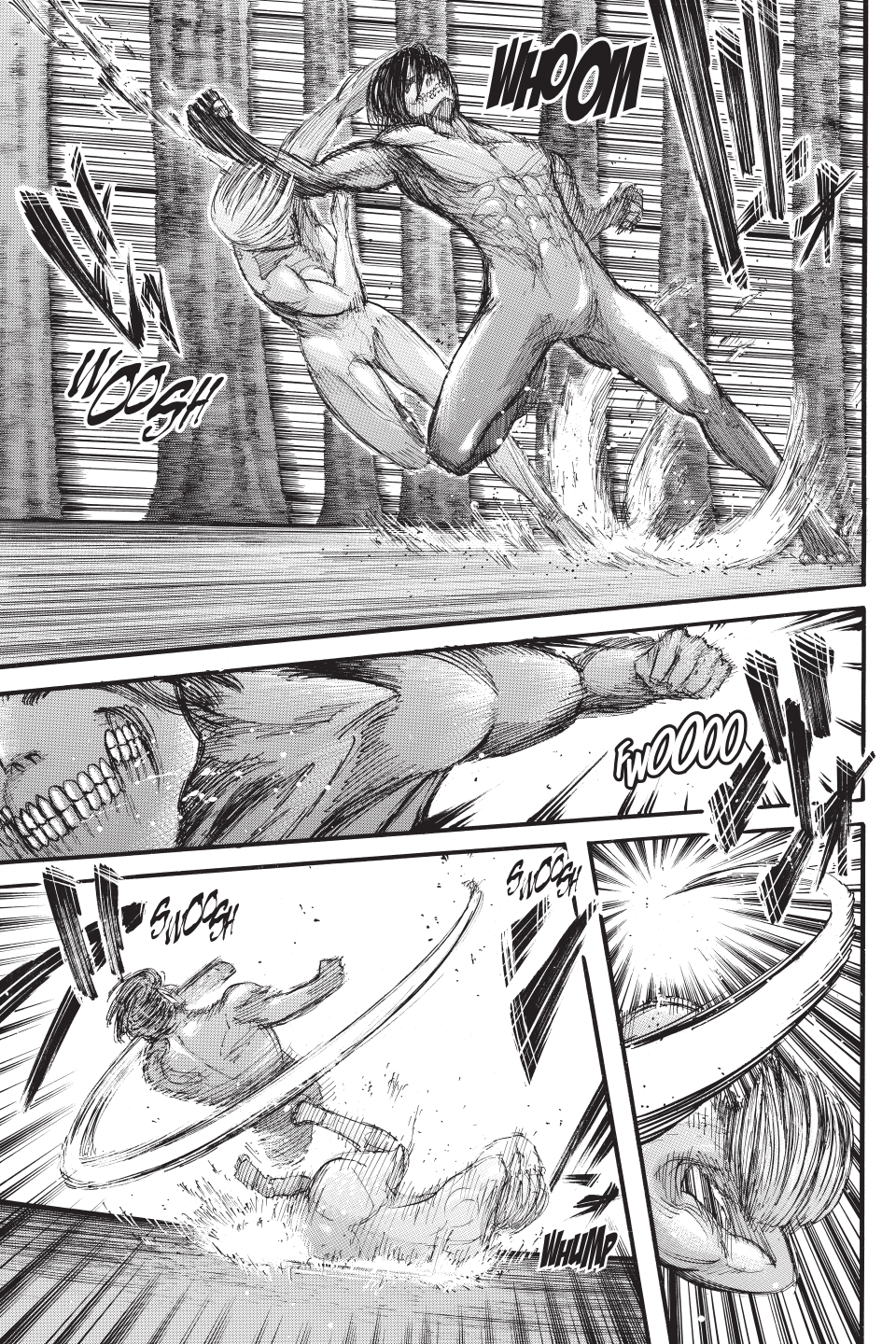

TUTCH
TUTCH
TUTCH
PAK
GRAB

BAM
BAM
SHUU
SWOOSH
SWOOSH

SQUEEZE
WHUMP

WHO
OH
WHUD

FWOO


WHOOM
WOOSH
FWOOOO
SWOOSH
SWOOSH
WHUMP

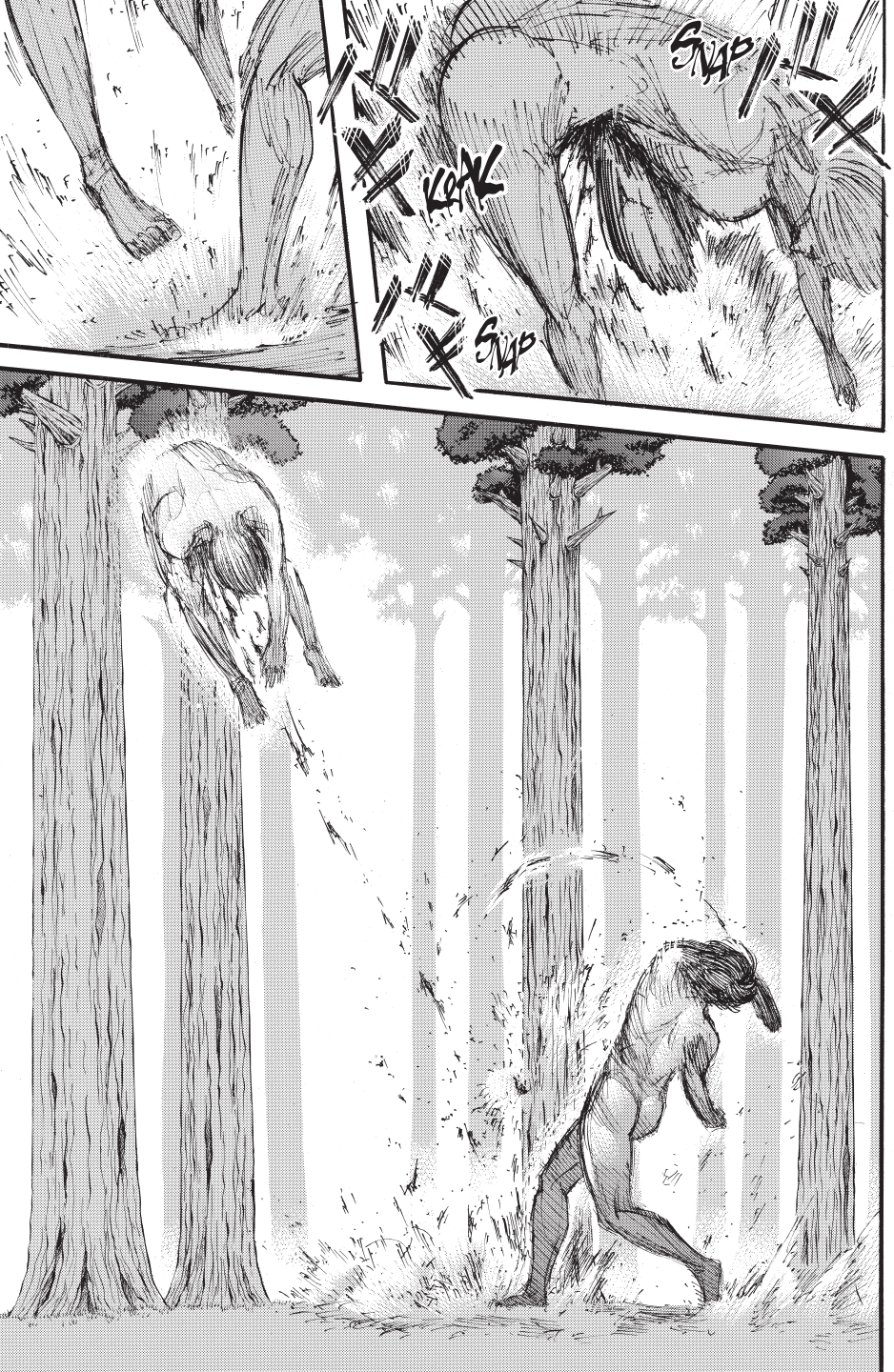
ROLL
ROLL
WHOOM

AAA AAA AA A AA AA AAA

FWISH
SHOOSH
FWISH
SHOOSH
KRRKK
KRRKK
KRRKK

ACK
CR

WHOOM


SNAP
KRAK
SNAP

WHOOM
AAA
A
AA
A
AAA
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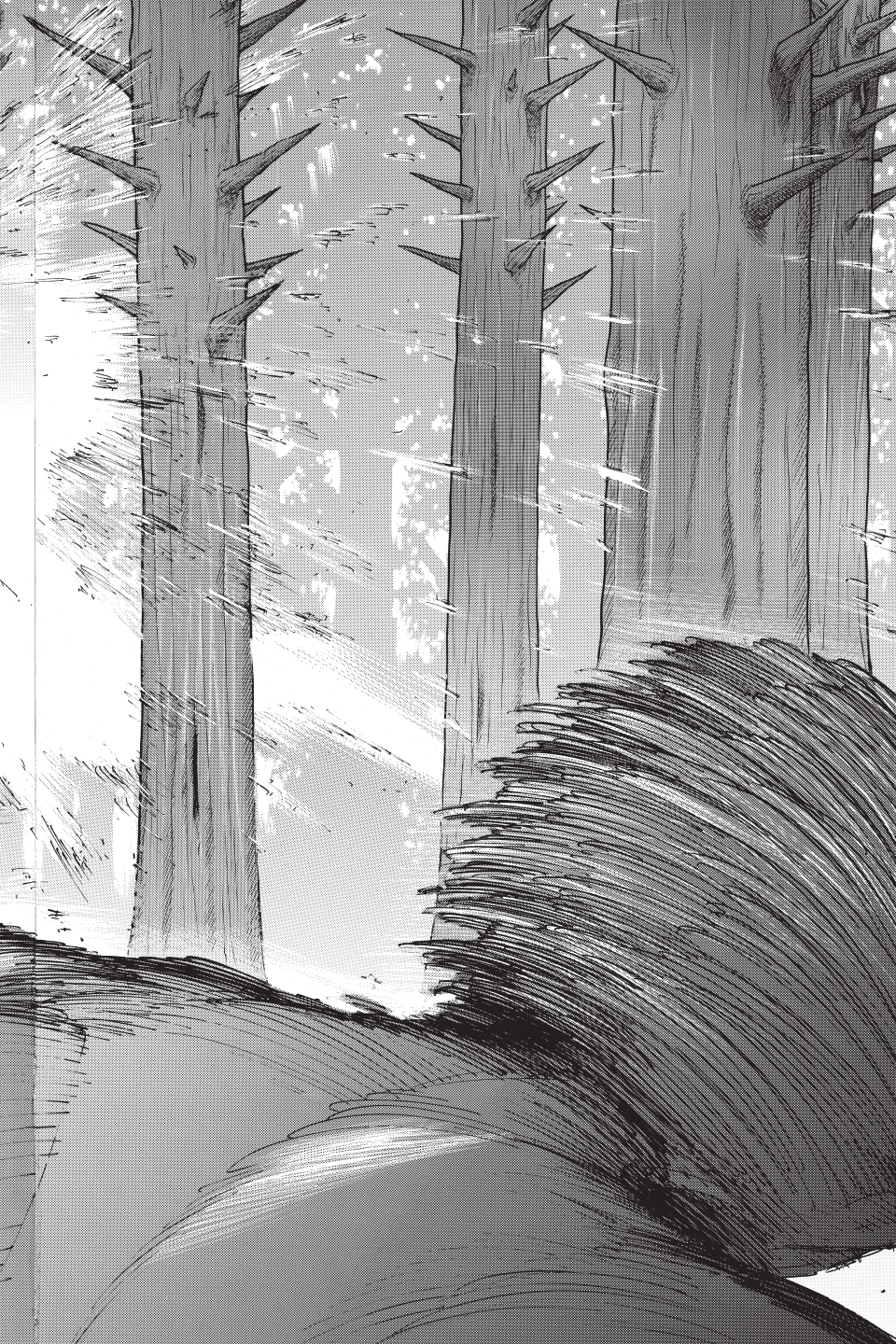
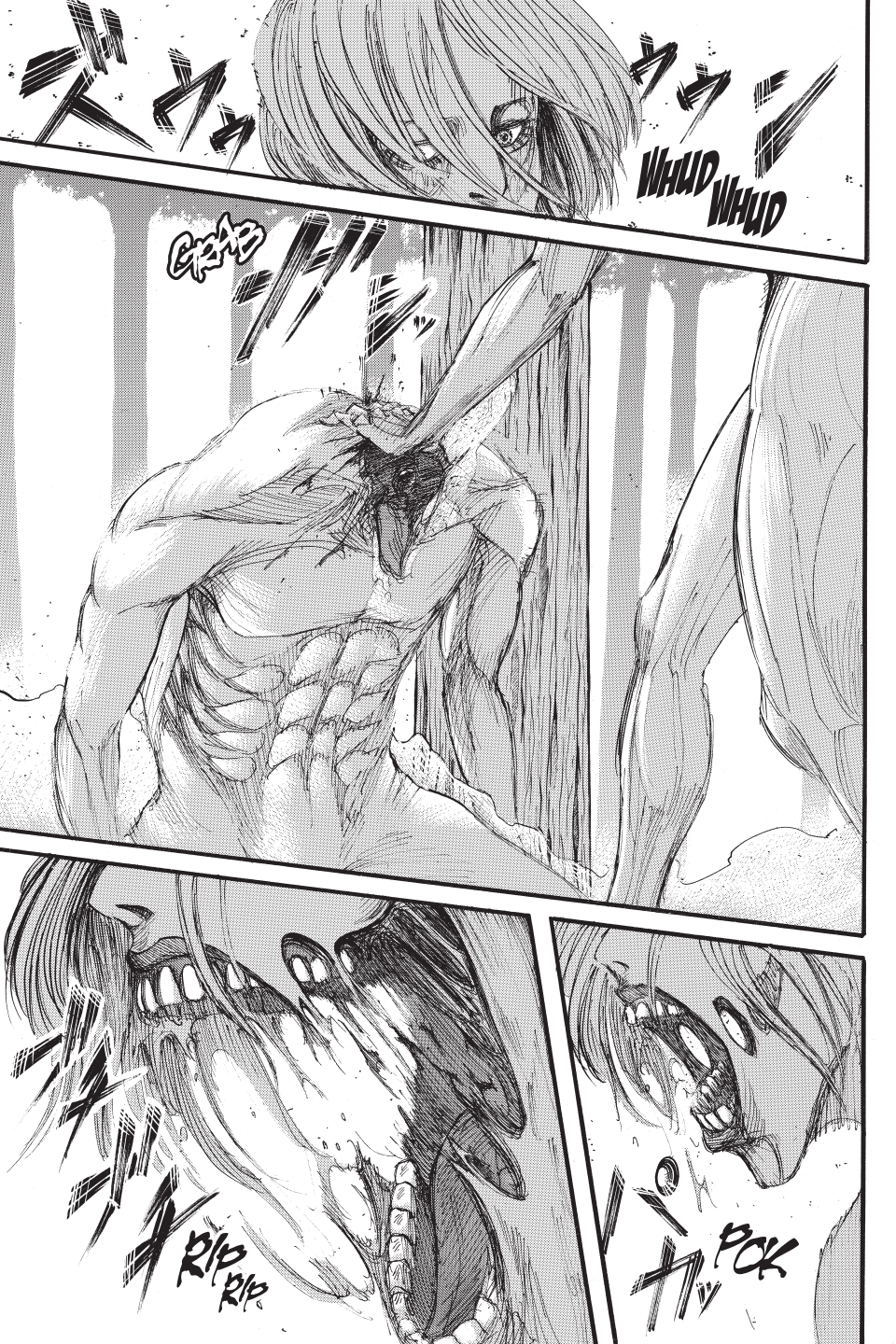
WHOOM
WHOOM
WHOOM
WHOOM

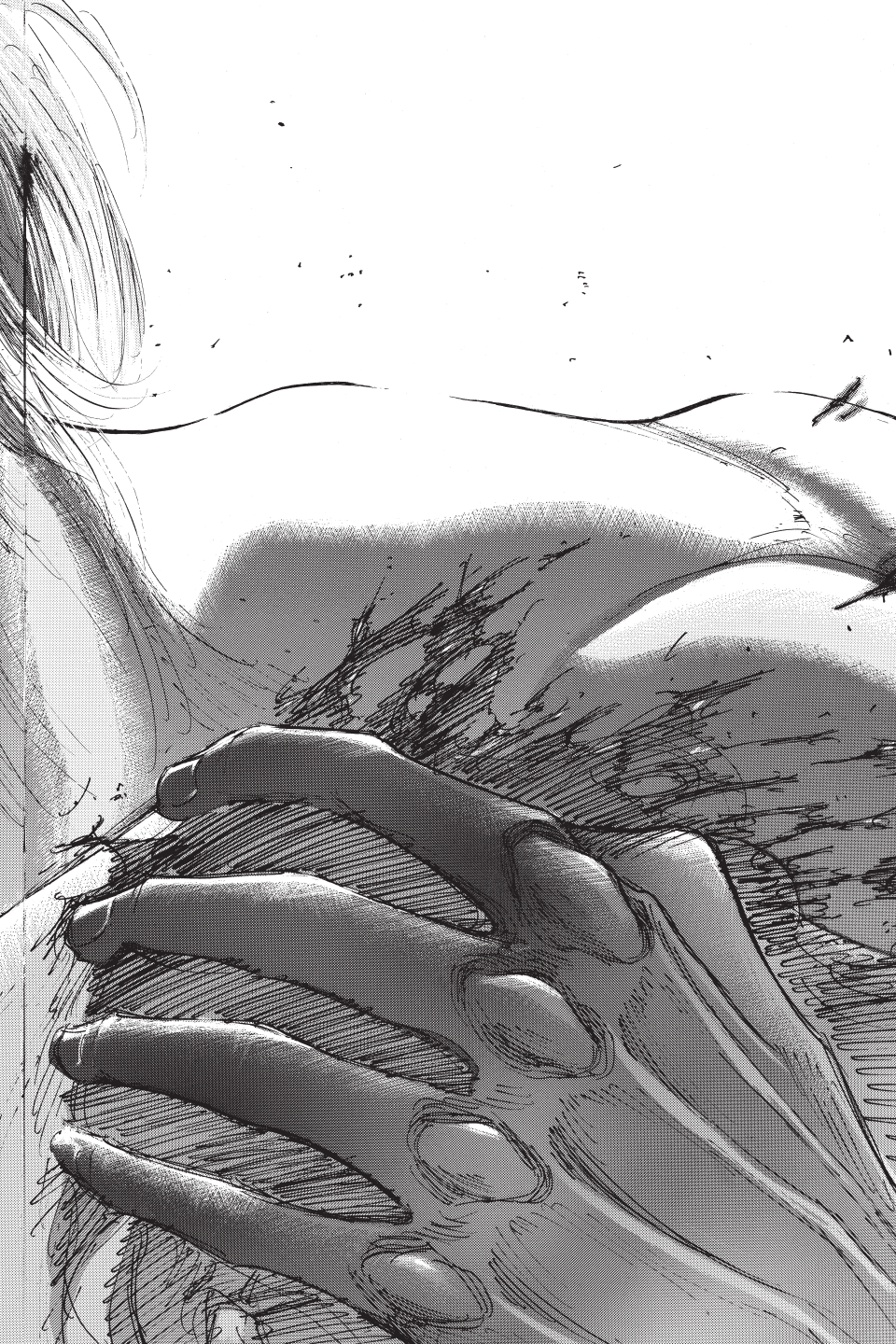
WHOOM
WHOOM
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

CLENCH
AH ...!
WHUD



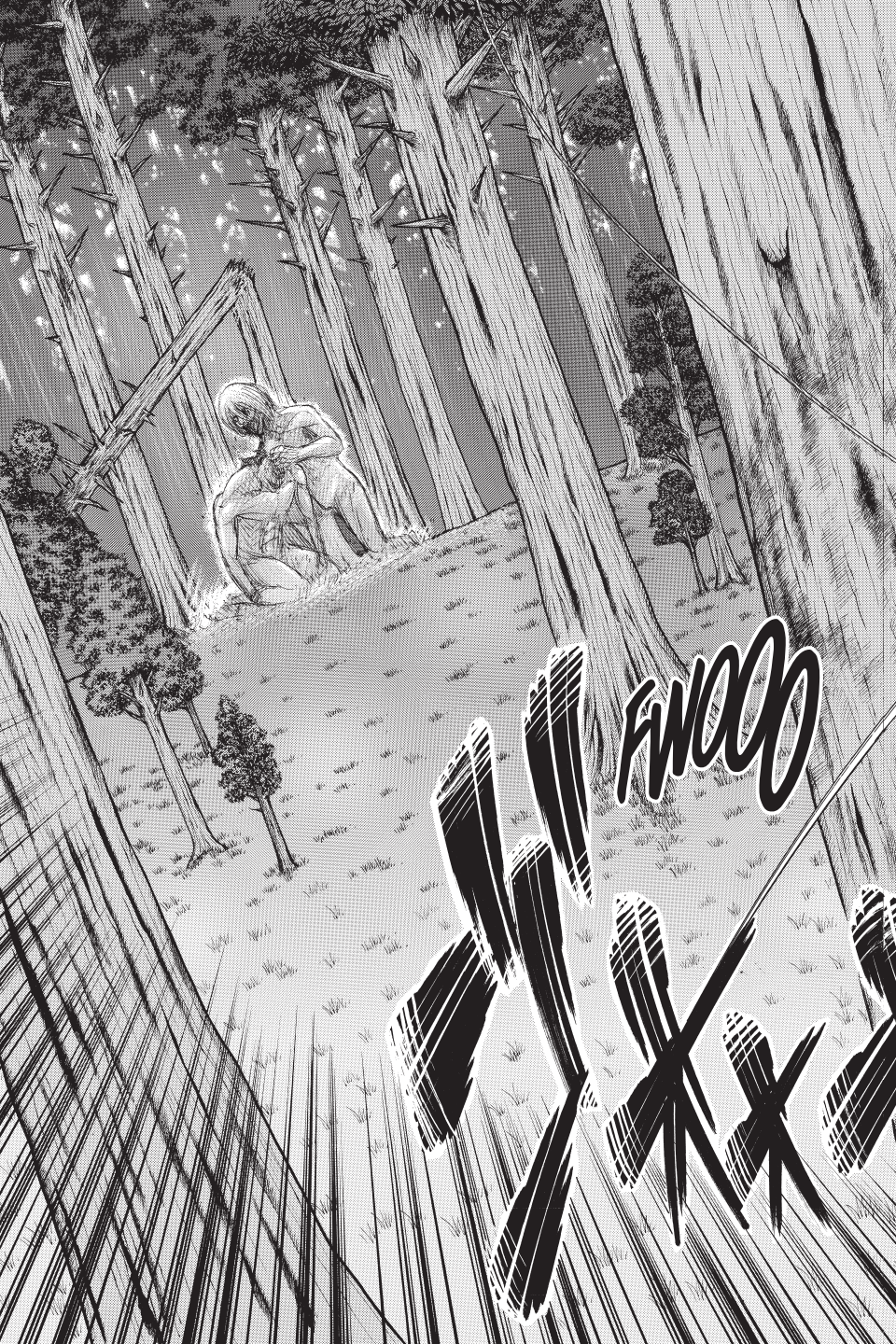
SNAP
KRAK
SNAP
WHUMP


WHUD WHUD
GRAB
RIP RIP
PCK



CHOMP
RIP

ERENI!!


FUOOO

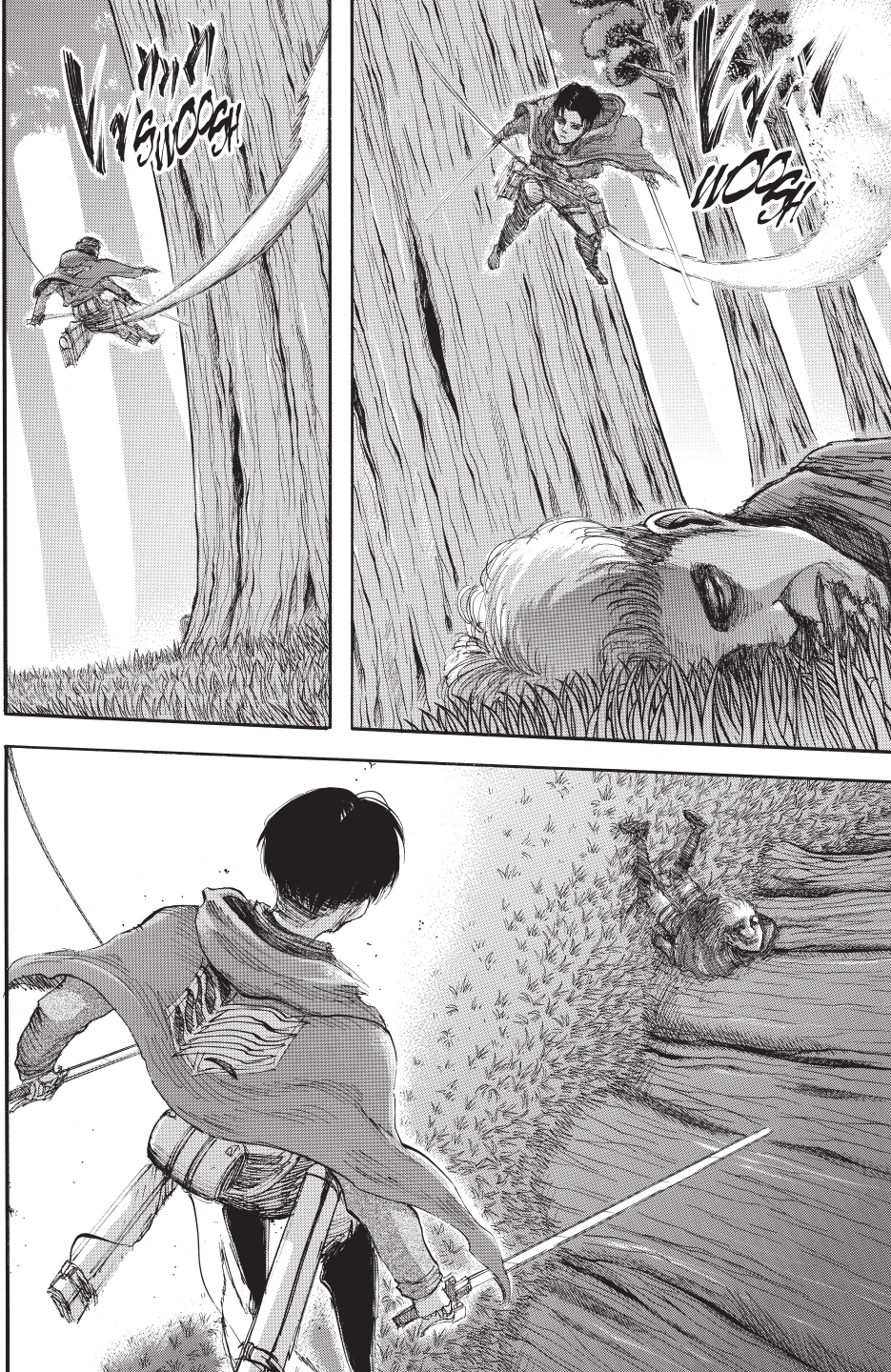
CRUN
CH

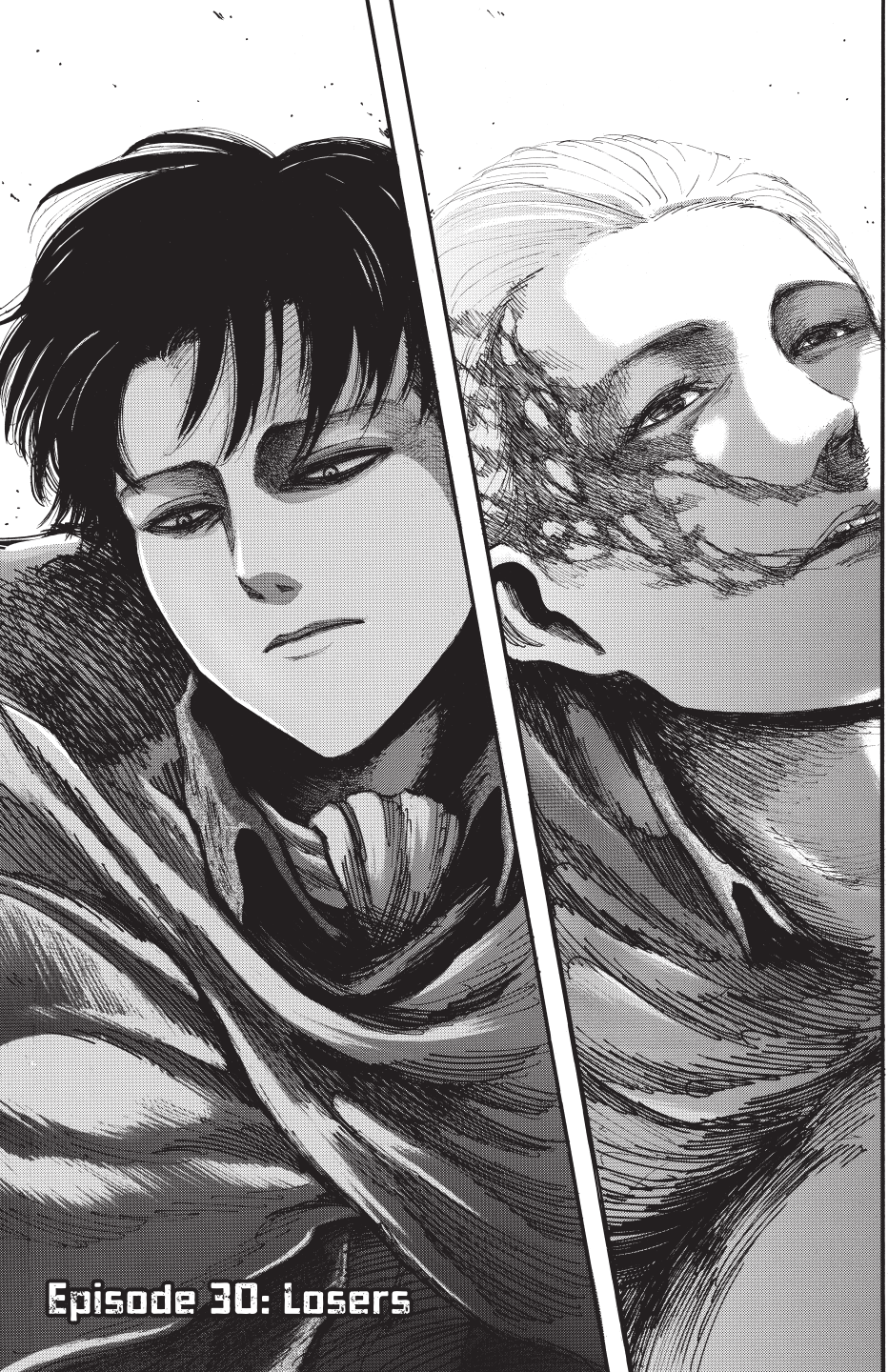
RIP

AH...
THROB
SNAP
SNAP

SHOVE
UHUD
W...
FWOOO
DON'T GO...
EREN ...
WAIT...
SHIK

ATTACK
ON TITAN


SWOOSH
SWOOSH


Episode 30: Losers

WHOOM
WHOOM

WHOOM
WHOOM
WHOOM

SLASH
SHOOSH
CHFF
WHUMP

FWOOO
GIVE HIM BACK!
THUK

DAMN IT!!
KRSHH
WHY ?!
MY BLADE... WON'T GO THROUGH !!
THUD
I KNOW ...
...HE'S ALIVE!

...HAS TO BE ALIVE!
SHAAA
EREN...
CLACK
NO MATTER WHERE SHE GOES, I'LL KILL HER...
...SLICE UP HER BODY...
...AND DRAG YOU OUT OF THAT FILTHY PLACE!
GLITTER
I'M SORRY, EREN.
JUST HOLD ON...
...A LITTLE LONGER!
SWOOSH

WHOOM
FWSH
WAIT !!
FWOOOO
DASH

WHUMP
I'M WITH YOU.
BUT BACK OFF FOR NOW.
WHOOM
WHOOM
WHOOM
HOOH

WHOOM
WHOOM
WHIZZZZ
COUGH...
...
IS IT EXHAUSTED, TOO? DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT'S MOVING VERY FAST.
WE'LL MAINTAIN THIS DISTANCE.
LOOKS LIKE SHE BIT THE WHOLE NECK OUT OF EREN'S TITAN BODY.
IS HE DEAD?
IF SHE WANTED TO KILL HIM, SHE COULD'VE JUST CRUSHED HIM... BUT INSTEAD, SHE PUT HIM IN HER MOUTH, AND SHE'S MAKING A FIGHTING RETREAT.
HER OBJECTIVE IS TO KIDNAP EREN.
I THINK OUR TARGET IS INTELLIGENT.
EREN'S ALIVE.
FW
OO
OO
OO

HE'S ALIVE.
IN THAT CASE, EREN WOULD BE IN HER STOMACH NOW, PROBABLY DEAD...
THE OBJECTIVE MAY HAVE BEEN TO EAT EREN.
THIS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED ...
...
I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT...
...IF YOU'D DONE A GOOD JOB PROTECTING EREN.
...IN THE FIRST PLACE...
FROM COURT, EREN'S FRIEND, RIGHT?
I RE-MEM-BER YOU ...
...

I SEE...
FWOOOO
GIVE UP ON KILLING THE FEMALE.
FIRST...
WE'LL FOCUS ON ONE OBJECTIVE.

HOW MANY ...
...OF OUR COMRADES HAS SHE MURDERED ?
AS LONG AS THAT TITAN HAS THE ABILITY TO HARDEN ITS SKIN, KILLING IT IS IMPOSSIBLE.
TRUST ME.
FWOO
GLITTER
WE'LL BET EVERYTHING ON THE CHANCE THAT EREN IS STILL ALIVE...
...AND WE'LL RESCUE HIM BEFORE THAT THING CAN CLEAR THE FOREST.
DUN DUN
I'LL SLASH AWAY AT THE TITAN.
YOU DRAW ITS ATTENTION.
DUN
DUN DUN

WHIZZZZ
SWISH

SHING
WHOOSH
FWIP
FW
CHAK

WHOOSH
WHOOOOOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOOOSH

FWOOOO

SPLURT
SKRISH
SKRISH
WOBBLE
WHOOM
WHOOSH

WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHIZZ

WHUD
SLUMP
WHIZZZZ
WHOOM

HE'S FAST!
TOO FAST...
...FOR HER TO HARDEN HER SKIN!
SLASH
SLASH
SLASH
PSSH
HER NAPE ...!!
KRRR

WHIZZZZ
SHE'S WIDE OPEN!
I CAN KILL HER!
PANT PANT
I BET SHE CAN'T MOVE!
SHE'S EXHAUSTED!
PANT PANT
SLASH
TWITCH

NO!
!
THUD
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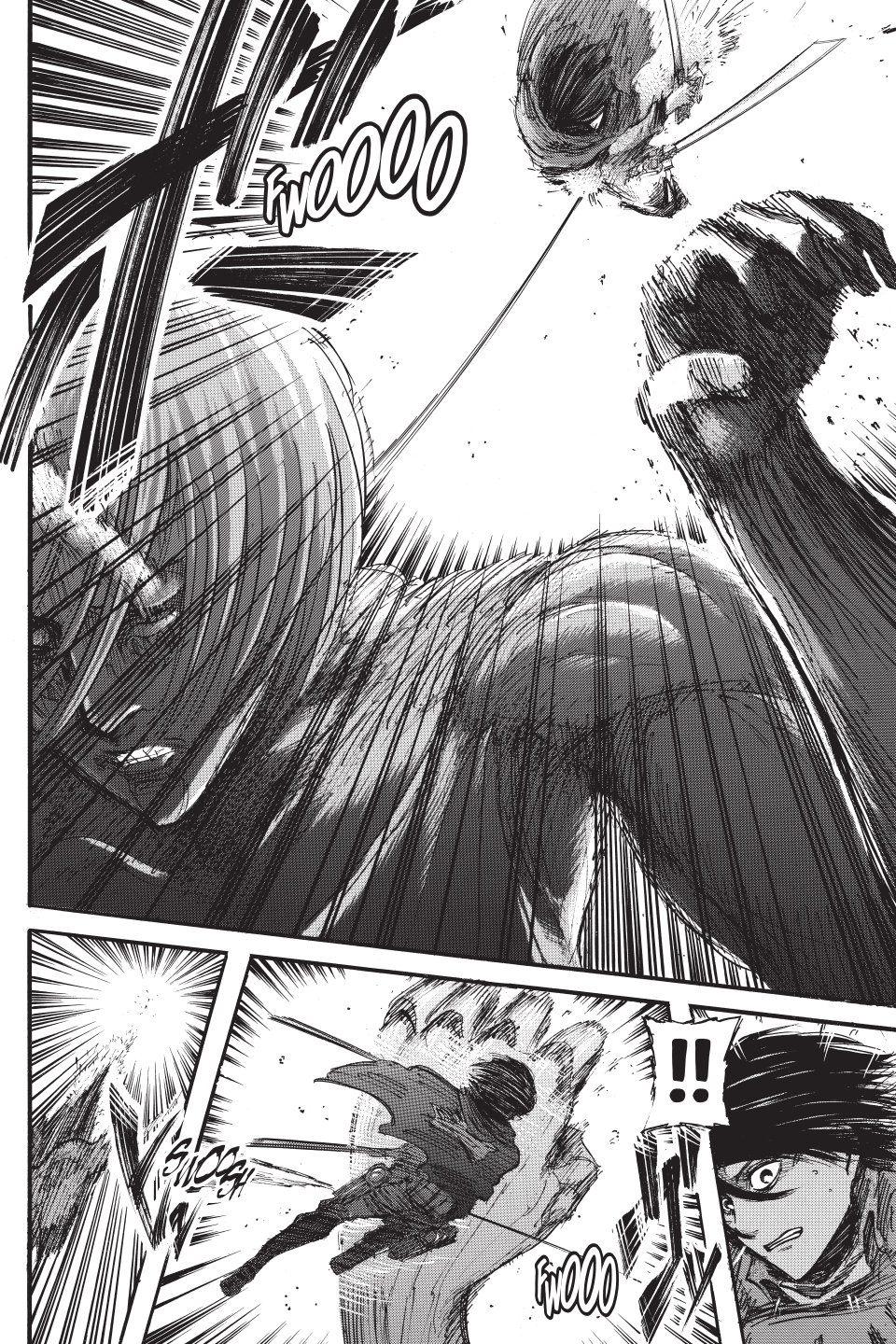
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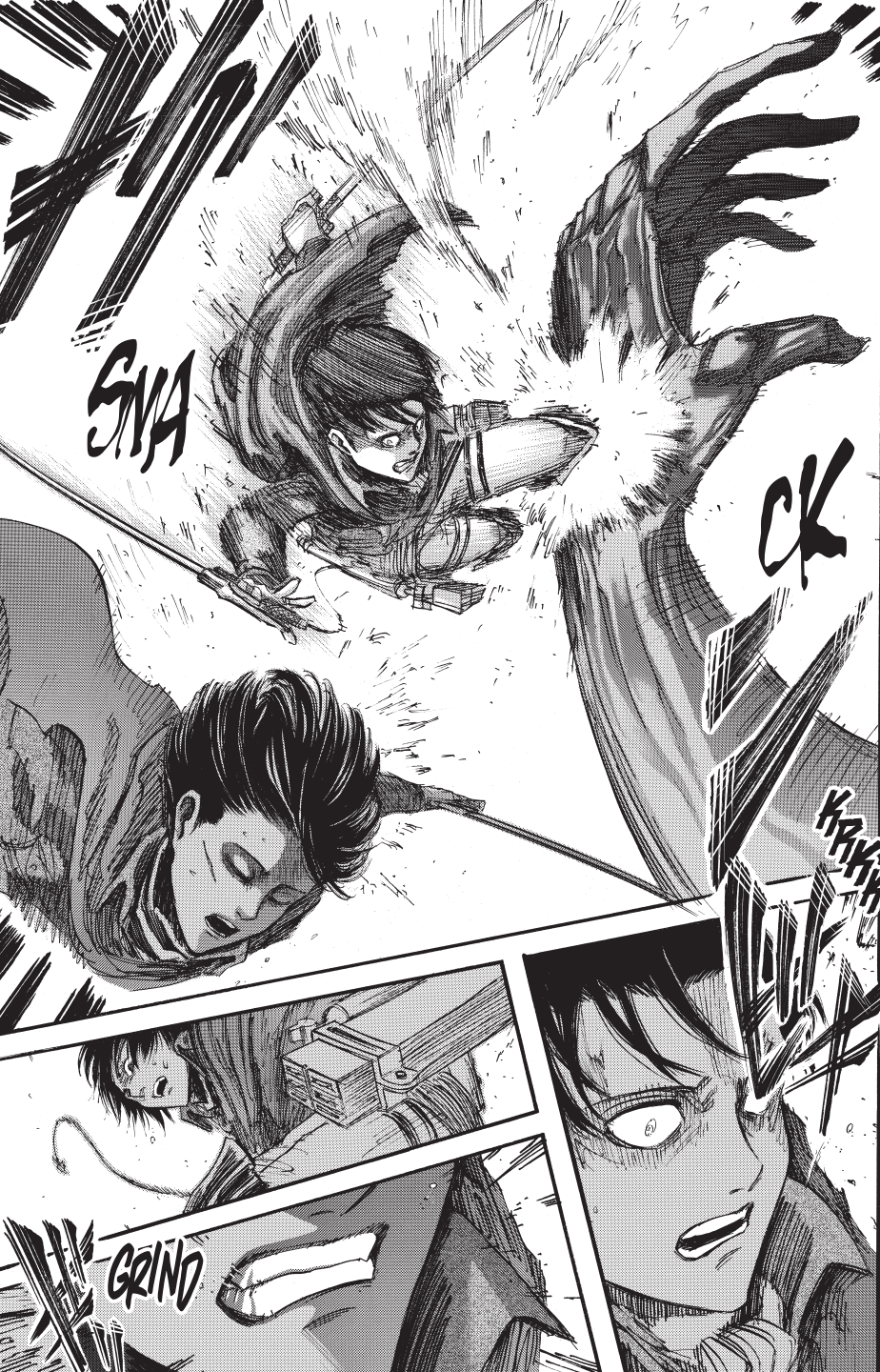
SLICE
FWOOO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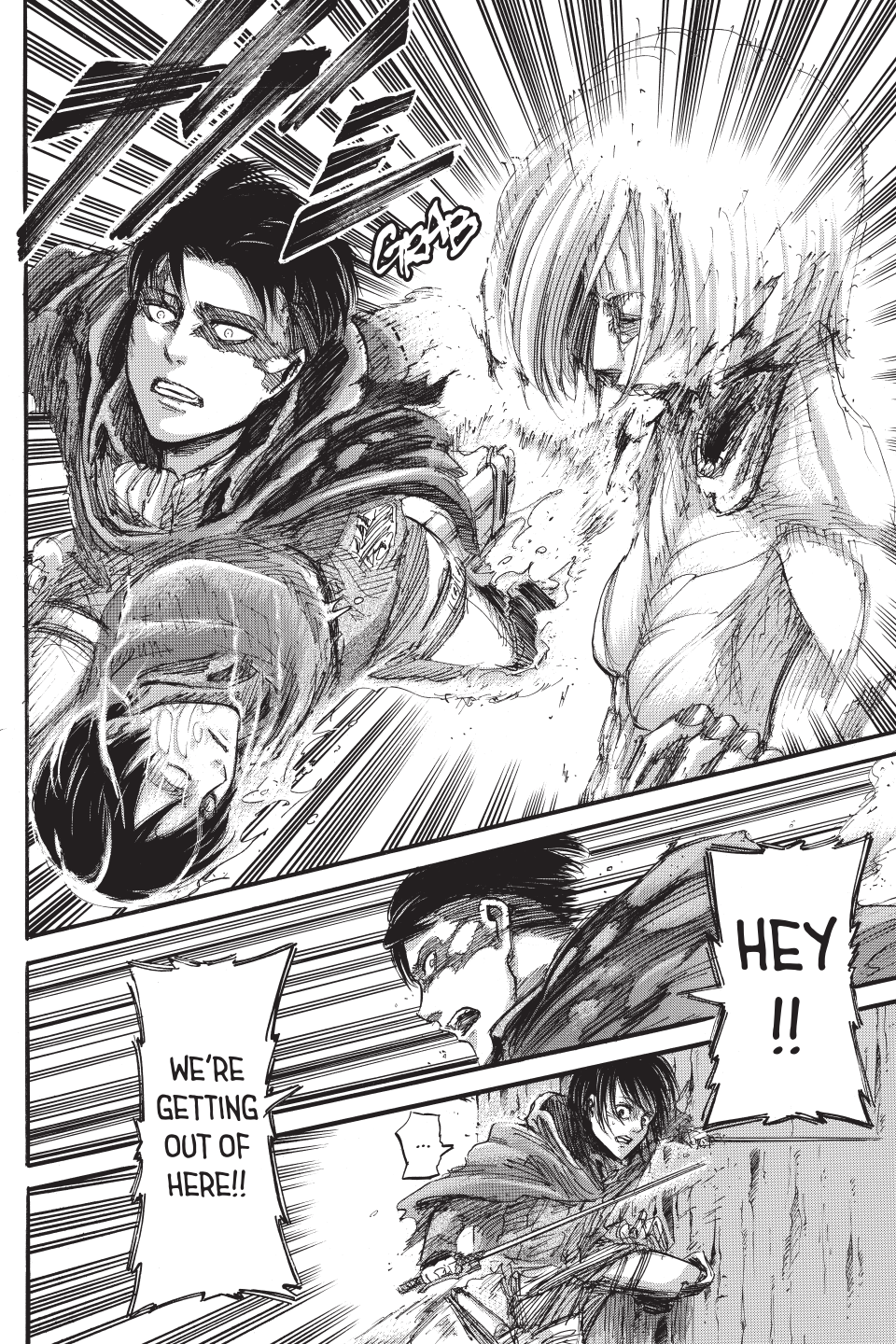
KRKK
GRIND

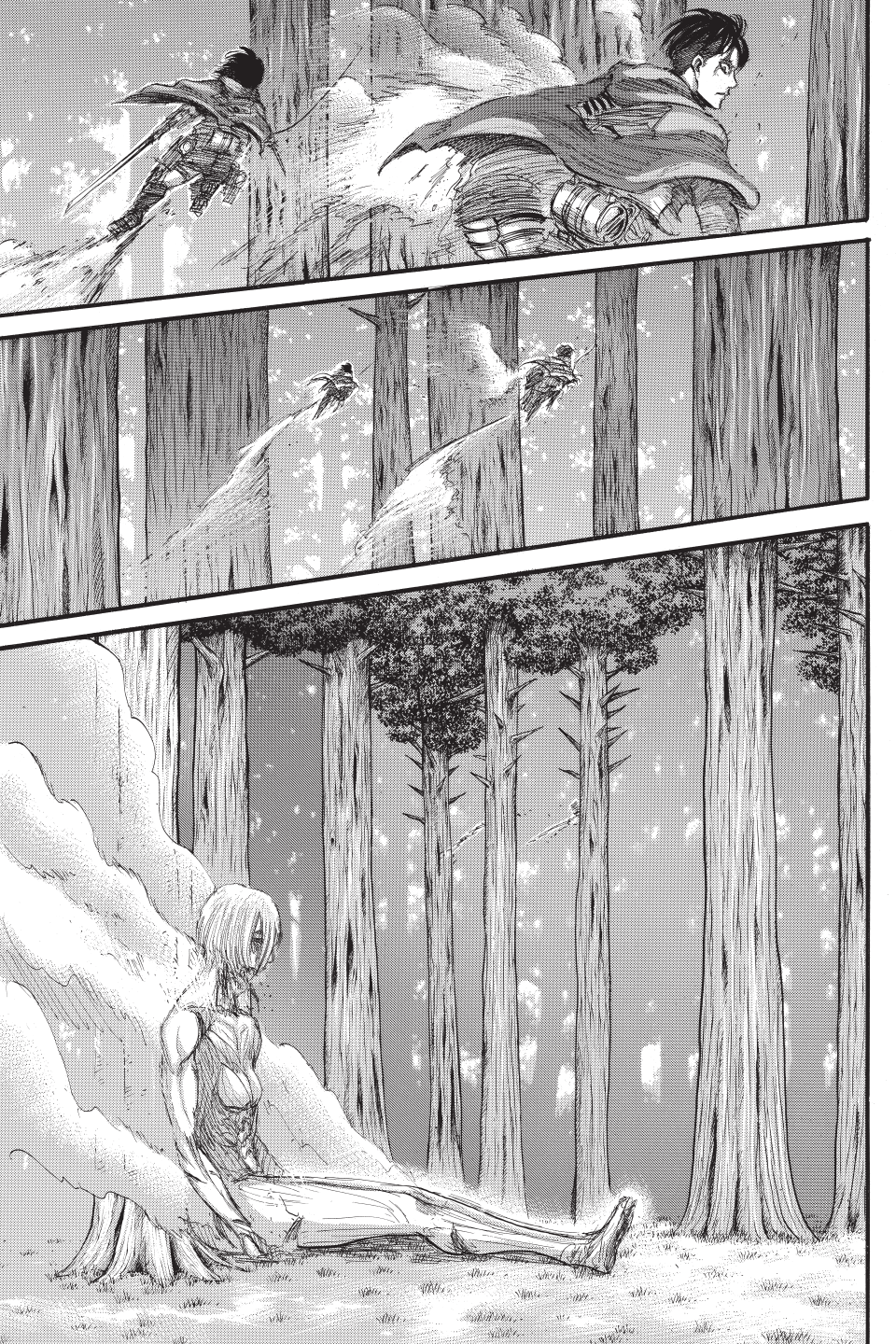
WHIZZZZ
THUK
SLASH
SLASH

GL
UP
POK
EREN...


GRAB
HEY !!
...
WE'RE GETTING OUT OF HERE!!

EREN !!
HE'S OKAY! ALIVE, ANYWAY...
...DIRTY, THOUGH.
FORGET ABOUT HER... WE'RE LEAVING!
DON'T LOSE SIGHT OF OUR OBJEC-TIVE.
UNLESS SATISFYING YOUR OWN DESIRES OVERRIDES THAT?
WE GOT YOUR PRECIOUS FRIEND BACK, DIDN'T WE?

I JUST...
NO...
WHIZZZZ
?!



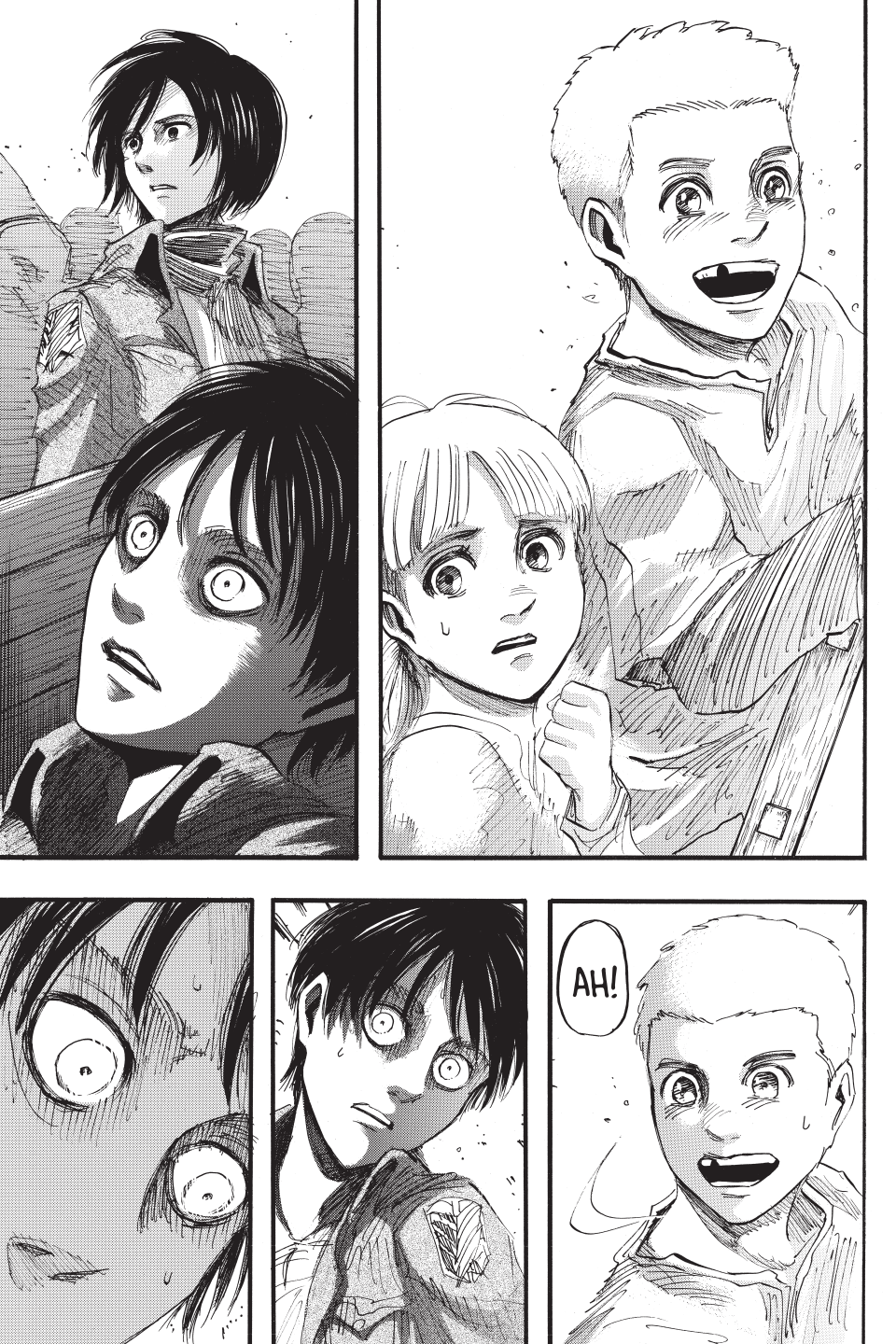
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE

EREN !!
HUH ...?
...?
OH... YOU'RE AWAKE.
RATTLE RATTLE
RATTLE RATTLE
MIKASA?!
YOU SHOULDN'T GET UP YET... YOU NEED TO REST.
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FEMALE TITAN?!
...SHE GOT AWAY.
HOW...?
THE OTHERS...
WHAT DID THEY...
THE MISSION...?
WE FAILED.
NOW JUST LIE STILL FOR A WHILE...
WHAT IS THIS?
DID YOU SAVE ME AGAIN?

HUH ...?
...CLOSE TO THE WALL...
WE'RE GET-TING...
...
ｸﾞｲ

CRASH
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
THE SURVEY CORPS IS BACK!
AREN'T THERE A LOT FEWER THAN WENT OUT THIS MORNING?
BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ
CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER

LET'S CLIMB UP HERE!
ELLIE!
BUZZ
I CAN'T SEE!
BUZZ
COME ON! MOVE!
HOP
...THEY AT LEAST SUCCEEDED IN THROWIN' OUR TAXES DOWN THE DRAIN!
... JUDGING BY THEIR POUTY LOOKS...
BUZZ
YEAH, BUT...
WHO KNOWS...?
WHAT DID THEY EVEN BOTHER GOING OUT FOR?
...AND HERE THEY ARE, BACK IN TIME FOR LUNCH!
THEY MADE SUCH A FUSS GOING OUT THIS MORNING...
BUZZ
CLATTER
RATTLE RATTLE
!
EREN!
FWISH!

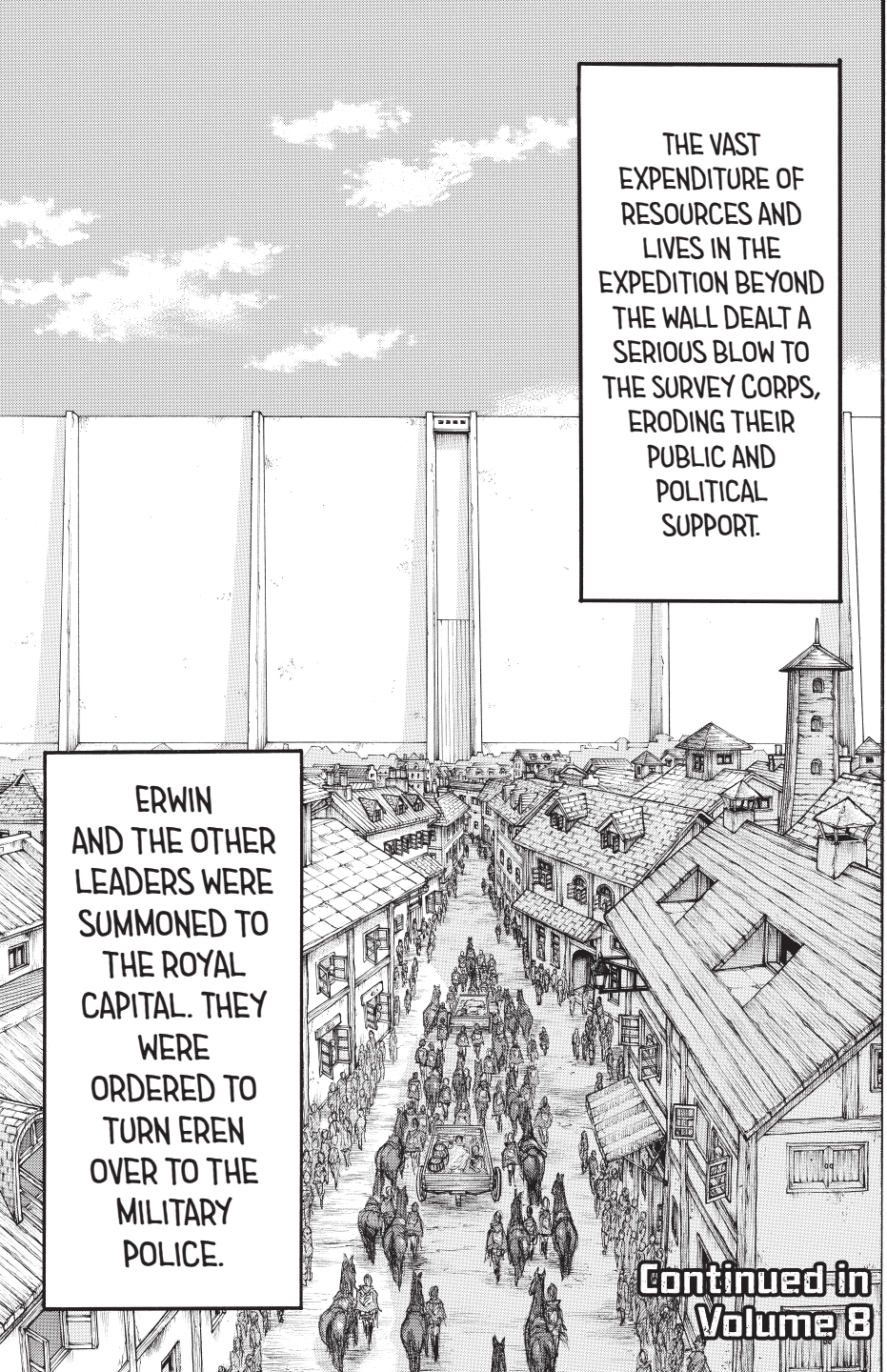

AH!

NO MATTER HOW BADLY THEY GET BEATEN, THEY ALWAYS KEEP FIGHTING!!
SO THIS IS THE SURVEY CORPS!!
THEY ARE SO COOL !!
COME ON, MIKASA!
THE HEROES ARE BACK!

I'M PETRA'S FATHER! THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO DISCUSS WITH YOU BEFORE I FIND HER...
THANK YOU FOR TAKING GOOD CARE OF MY DAUGHTER!
CAPTAIN LEVI, SIR!!
TA TA TA TA
SHE SAYS SHE INTENDS TO DEVOTE HERSELF TO YOU COMPLETELY OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT... WELL... THAT WAS HER PRIDE TALKING, BUT SHE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND HOW WORRIED THAT MAKES ME!
HA HA HA...
MY DAUGHTER SENT ME THIS LETTER, SEE... SHE WROTE THAT YOU'RE COUNTING ON HER SKILL AND THAT SHE'S WORKING DIRECTLY UNDER YOUR COMMAND NOW...
CHFF CHFF
I THINK IT'S STILL TOO EARLY TO GET HER MARRIED UP... SHE'S STILL YOUNG, AFTER ALL, AND WHO KNOWS WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IN THE DAYS AHEAD...
AS HER FATHER ...
TA TA
I MEAN ...
UM ...

DID YOU ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING TO MAKE UP FOR ALL THE CASUALTIES THIS TIME?!
COMMANDER ERWIN!!
AREN'T YOU SORRY FOR GETTING ALL THOSE SOLDIERS KILLED?!
AN-SWER ME!!
CHFF
CHFF

RATTLE
RATTLE


THE VAST EXPENDITURE OF RESOURCES AND LIVES IN THE EXPEDITION BEYOND THE WALL DEALT A SERIOUS BLOW TO THE SURVEY CORPS, ERODING THEIR PUBLIC AND POLITICAL SUPPORT.
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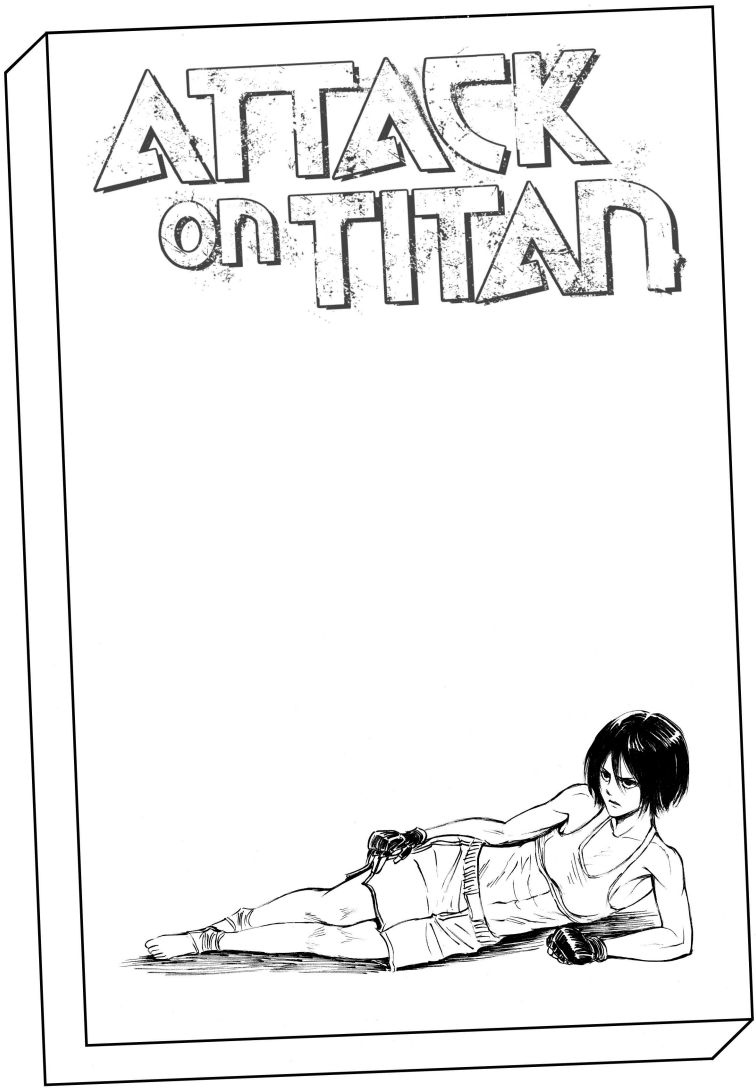

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